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Commission recommends events ordinance

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

MARTINEZ — A divided Contra Costa County Planning Commission has recommended that the county Board of Supervisors adopt a law that would allow a retired concert promoter to hold up to three events a year in the

backyard amphitheater of his Coventry Road home in Kensington.

By a 4-3 vote, the commission made the recommendations over the objections of residents who want no more than two events a year and no more than 125 people allowed to attend.

If approved by the board of supervisors, the recommended law would allow former Bill Graham Presents vice president Danny Scher to apply for permits that would allow him to hold annually two events with no more than 200 people and one event with no more than 300 people.

Scher did not attend Tuesday night's Planning Commission meeting, but about 20 other residents did.

About 10 Kensington residents told the commission that the preparations for the events disrupt the quiet neighborhood for days.

"This is a piece of very bad legislation," said resident Leonard Schwartzburd. "Frankly, it stinks."

Three planning commission members also disliked the law.

"Three hundred people is a huge operation," said commission chair Steven Mehlman.

"Two hundred people is a huge operation."

"Commercial-style concerts, I would agree, are not appropriate in a residential zone," said Hyman Wong, who also voted against the ordinance.

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

BRIDGE WIZ Kit Woolsey of Kensington peers over a fan of cards. Woolsey has just been elected into the bridge hall of fame.

Kensington man enters bridge hall of fame

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

In the four-plus decades since the American Contract Bridge League Hall of Fame was founded in 1964, only 84 people have been elected for membership — and only 30 are still living.

Those numbers will increase one next weekend when the

Hall welcomes its newest member: Kit Woolsey of Kensington. He is already a Grand Life Master, the highest level in the bridge world.

Woolsey will be inducted July 23 at the Summer North American Bridge Championships in Atlanta.

"It's a very, very big honor,"

says ACBL spokeswoman Linda Granell. "To give you some perspective, you need 300 championship tournament points to be a Life Master. Mr. Woolsey has more than 15,000."

"He's one of the world's foremost authorities on bridge, the author of many standard books about the game."

Among them: "Modern Defensive Signaling," "Partnership Defense in Bridge" and "Matchpoints." He is also a regular contributor to Bridge World Magazine and a frequent commentator at online bridge shows.

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Schools bond to go on ballot

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

The West Contra Costa school board voted Wednesday to put a \$100 million construction bond on the November ballot.

If it passes with at least 55 percent of the vote, the measure will become the fourth district bond approved since 1998. Election results are estimated at \$100,000.

The property tax collections at fund the bond would pay for continuing reconstruction of early all 56 campuses, of which have been earmarked for repair using \$450 million from past bonds.

"I think we've made great strides," said board member Karen Leong Fenton. "I'd hate to see the work stop at this point." The school board voted 4-0 to approve placing the bond on the

ballot. Board President Glen Price was absent.

The November measure would pay to renovate De Anza, Kennedy and Pinole Valley high schools, with some minor repairs at Richmond High School, according to the project list released Wednesday. Thirteen elementary schools would be rebuilt, including Castro and Fairmont elementary schools in El Cerrito.

The bond language also allows the district to use the money to complete any unfinished projects.

To fund the bond, homeowners would need to pay more in taxes.

The average tax rate would rise by \$55.50 per \$100,000 of a home's assessed value, according to district estimates. Someone with a \$250,000 home could expect to pay \$138.75 a year on average over the life of the proposed bond.

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Redevelopment agency official quits; planner hired

■ Betsy Morris leaves after only 7 months; Noel Ibalio returns to planning office

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A redevelopment agency employee with a doctorate in city planning has left El Cerrito after seven months on the job.

Betsy Morris, the city's business assistance coordinator since January, left on Wednesday to pursue other projects.

"I'm terribly disappointed she's leaving," said Lisa Cain, the president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, earlier this week. "I thought she did a great job, and I thought she brought some skills that complemented the rest of the folks working for the city."

Among other things, Morris' position is intended to be a voice



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

NOEL IBALIO, left, was hired as senior planner for El Cerrito while Betsy Morris leaves the city as its business assistance coordinator.

for business concerns at City Hall, according to a list of position objectives. It was also intended to provide services to assist the city's

economic development.

On Wednesday, Morris said she felt most fulfilled by helping to bring different groups together

— such as the city, the chamber and small business advocacy organizations. She played a key role, for example, in organizing the city's recent business conference.

"Building the relationships is definitely part of the economic development process," she said.

Originally from the East Coast, she moved to the Bay Area in the late 1980s to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley. There, she earned a master's and PH.D. in city planning. She also has a bachelor's degree in urban studies.

Leaving the city was a mutual decision, she said. She plans to focus on personal projects, such as organizing an October multicultural festival through her role as the president of the West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corp.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Wine shop to hold wine-tasting events

Wine shop Solano Cellars will hold wine-tasting events benefiting the Albany Education Foundation from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and July 30.

The education foundation is suggesting a \$5 donation. Solano Cellars is located at 1580 Solano Ave. For more information, call 510-525-9463.

— Alan Lopez

Parcel tax workshop scheduled

A public workshop about a potential city parcel tax will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. The city may place the tax on a future ballot. If approved by voters, the money raised would go toward paying for library services, expanded youth, park and recreational programming, street and storm drain repair, and increased park and facility maintenance. The workshop will include a brief presentation on the issues and opportunity for public comment. For more information, call city clerk Jackie Bucholz at 510-528-5722.

— Alan Lopez

Albany man assaulted on Greenway

Friends and family of a 61-year-old Berkeley man assaulted while riding his bike on the Ohlone Greenway are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to any arrests.

The victim was riding his bike northbound between 5:20 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on July 3. Three men threw him off his bike and assaulted him in Albany near the Berkeley border, said Albany police Lt. Dan Adams.

"There was no attempt to take the victim's bike or property during the attack," said Adams, who said that was unusual for an assault on the path. "The victim sustained a broken hip, a broken collar bone, facial injuries and hearing loss."

Residents with any information should call Albany police at 510-525-7300.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Rec department to hold golf scramble

The El Cerrito recreation department will hold its 9th annual dynamo golf scramble fund-raiser on Aug. 22 at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd.

The cost per player is \$135. It includes coffee and pastries, a dynamo T-shirt and goodie bag, and lunch after the tournament. All levels of play are welcome. The shotgun format is open to any caliber golfer. Everyone hits, and the best ball is played.

The event raises money for scholarships for the city's recreation and child care programs. Last year's tournament raised more than \$10,000. Register by Aug. 19 at the recreation department, 7007 Moeser Lane, or call 510-559-7000.

— Alan Lopez

Lions clubs to hold antique show

The El Cerrito and West Berkeley Lions clubs will hold an antique show and appraisal fair in the banquet rooms of Spenger's Seafood Grotto in Berkeley on July 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit the sight disabled. There is a \$3 admission for the event, billed as "Trolling for Treasures at Spenger's."

Featured will be many antique dealers selling art, pottery, sterling, china, jewelry, watches, vintage textiles, clothing and other items. Martin Willis of Harvey Clars Auctions and others will be on hand to appraise antiques for \$5 each. Spenger's is located at 1919 4th St. For more information, call 510-528-6383.

— Craig Lazzaretti

Blood drive scheduled for July 28

The city will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, July 28, at the city fire station, 10900 San Pablo Ave. The cross street is Manila Avenue. Donors must have identification and should also eat and drink before donating. Donors will receive discounts to Six Flag's Marine World. To schedule an appointment, call Sheryl Mosby at 510-215-4315.

— Alan Lopez

Police make arrest in armed robbery

Police arrested one man and were searching for a second suspect following two armed robberies on the same night.

Three men robbed another man at 6:25 p.m. on June 28 at the Ohlone Greenway in Lincoln Avenue. While one of the men held a knife to the victim, the other two took his backpack and other property from his pockets, police said.

At 9:30 p.m., police believe the same men robbed a second man at knife-point on the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue. They took the man's wallet and cell phone, and took off in a black Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

On June 29, police arrested Derek James Freney, a 22-year-old Oakland man. Police are looking for Oakland resident Terrell Lamar Huntington. Police say he was last seen at his home on the 3500 block of San Pablo Avenue in Oakland.

Police are asking for anyone with information about Huntington's location to call El Cerrito police at 510-215-4418 or leave an anonymous tip with West Contra Costa Crime Stoppers at 510-799-8255.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

'Fix our Ferals' fund-raiser scheduled

Fix Our Ferals will hold a "Fund Our Ferals" fund-raiser on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, #1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction, food and wine. Admission is \$35 and includes refreshments.

Auction items will include a Mark Bulwinkle Sculpture and other art, weekend getaways, and dinners for two. Entertainment will include classical pianist Katherine Buss and jazz pianist Debbie Poryers. Former Berkeley mayor Shirley Dean is also scheduled to attend.

— Craig Lazzaretti

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, July 4

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Shortly before midnight officers arrested a 24-year-old San Francisco man in the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue for disorderly conduct and vandalism.

Tuesday, July 5

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers responded to reports of a loud argument between a couple on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. They arrested an Albany man for disorderly conduct and released him with a notice to appear.

■ **VANDALISM** — There were two reports of vandalism on the 1200 and 1500 blocks of Solano Avenue.

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Officers located a blue 1990 Honda Accord on the 700 block of Johnson Street that had been reported stolen from Richmond. They did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

■ **GRAND THEFT** — Officers responded to the 1100 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a man who stole several items from an antique store. They arrested a 47-year-old Sacramento man for grand theft.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Officers responded to the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore on a call from security that they had someone in custody for stealing. Officers arrested the 32-year-old Oakland woman for petty theft.

— Alan Lopez

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, June 28

■ **PUBLIC INTOXICATION** — Police arrested a 24-year-old former El Cerrito man on suspicion of public intoxication and for threatening two police officers at the Target parking lot.

Wednesday, June 29

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — At 2 p.m., police arrested a man at Albertson's at El Cerrito Plaza on suspicion of shoplifting \$128 worth of merchandise. Police say the man had several previous convictions for petty theft as well as a warrant out of Stockton for his arrest.

Thursday, June 30

■ **ATTEMPTED THEFT** — Shortly after 4:30 p.m., police arrested two Richmond juveniles on suspicion of attempting to steal an Acura Integra from the 600 block of Lexington Avenue.

Sunday, July 3

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 7 p.m., police arrested a 32-year-old Richmond woman on suspicion of possessing an open container of alcohol and crack cocaine following a traffic stop at Hill Street and Lexington Avenue.

Monday, July 4

■ **STOLEN PROPERTY** — Police arrested a 24-year-old Benicia man and a Benicia juvenile on suspicion of attempting to sell stolen property at

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 846 Masonic Ave. Walking group 9 a.m. Mondays. Mercy Brown Bag today. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — 3 p.m. Wednesday, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Show and Tell will be on Mon-

Wednesday, July 6

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers stopped a blue 1977 Dodge van on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 31-year-old Berkeley man, for an outstanding warrant for assault on a police officer.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A Richmond man reported that someone stole his gray 1991 Toyota Camry that was parked at 545 Pierce Street. The caller's brother had parked the car to carpool, and the car was gone when he returned. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, July 7

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 29-year-old Berkeley man driving a white 1987 Toyota pickup near Solano and Ordway avenues for DUI.

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Officers located a silver 1993 Toyota Celica on the 500 block of Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen from Richmond. They did not have anyone in custody, and the owner was notified.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — At about 7 p.m., officers arrested a 38-year-old Albany man for outstanding Albany warrants in the amount of \$5,000 for assault on a police officer.

Friday, July 8

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone attempted to break into a white 1988 Buick parked on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue during the night.

Guitar Center at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, July 4

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1989 Toyota Camry was taken from the 7200 block of View Avenue sometime between 10:30 p.m. on July 4 and 7 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, July 5

■ **SIERRA TRUCK STOLEN** — A 1986 GMC Sierra truck was taken from the 1200 block of Liberty Street sometime between 11 p.m. on July 5 and 3:30 p.m. the next day.

■ **DRUG ARRESTS** — At 8 p.m., police arrested two men on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue, one on suspicion of selling methamphetamine and the other on suspicion of possessing the drug. Police say they saw the two engaging in a hand-to-hand transaction. One was a 43-year-old Berkeley resident and the other a 49-year-old Richmond man.

■ **ATTEMPTED THEFT** — At 1 p.m., police arrested a 47-year-old Oakland man on suspicion of attempting to steal several cuts of meat, bottles of alcohol and personal items from Albertson's at El Cerrito Plaza.

■ **ASSAULT ARREST** — Shortly after 11:15 p.m., police responded to a report of a disturbance on the 700 block of Norvell Street. Following an investigation, police arrested a 46-year-old El Cerrito man on suspicion of assault.

There were no witnesses.

■ **DOMESTIC ABUSE** — At about 2 a.m., officers received a call from CHP regarding a call they received from a woman on the 400 block of Stannage who asked for help then hung up. Officers investigated and arrested a 39-year-old Albany man for domestic abuse, causing corporal injury and assault with a deadly weapon.

Saturday, July 9

■ **HAPPY ENDING** — A woman came to the Albany police station because she had left her purse at a bus stop near Solano and San Pablo avenues. A bus driver had found it under a bench, and it was returned to her. A check found that her keys and cash were still inside.

■ **MULTIPLE CHARGES** — Officers arrested a 34-year-old Berkeley woman for petty theft, resisting an officer and probation violations. She was also found to have an outstanding warrant for multiple counts of petty theft.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 9:30 p.m. officers stopped a white 1985 BMW near Brighton and San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 37-year-old Berkeley woman, for an outstanding warrant for possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended license.

Sunday, July 10

■ **DOMESTIC ABUSE** — At about 7 p.m., officers received two 911-hang-up calls in a row. When the dispatcher

called the number a woman was heard screaming before the phone was disconnected again. Officers investigated the residence at 545 Pierce Street and arrested a 33-year-old Emeryville man for domestic abuse.

Monday, July 11

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — A San Anselmo man reported that someone had stolen tools from a construction site on the 1000 block of Nelson Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **HOME BURGLARY** — A resident on the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that at about 2:30 p.m. someone described as a black man about 18 years old, wearing a shirt and blue jeans, had just broken into her home. The man was seen heading west on Garfield toward San Pablo Avenue, and gone when officers arrived.

Weekly Summary

During the week of July 4, officials towed three vehicles, responded to six false alarms, attended to six reports of lost animals, assisted a person who was locked out of a car, and responded to two reports of barking dogs. In the domestic and officers responded to two reports of domestic disputes, 16 civil disturbances and 161 civil assists. Officers stopped 66 vehicles or persons, issued 17 citations and 49 warnings, banned firefighters/paramedics responded to one fire call and eight medical emergencies.

— Kristin

Friday, July 8

■ **ROBBERY ARREST** — At 9:25 p.m., police arrested a 45-year-old Alameda man at El Cerrito Plaza on suspicion of a robbery a few minutes earlier at Charities Bank. Police say the man sent a demand note at the bank, showed a bullet in his mouth. Police covered the bullet as well as the man the man allegedly took.

Saturday, July 9

■ **BURGLARY** — Electronic locks were taken from the first block of Santa Fe Avenue sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. One pried open a kitchen window to gain entry to the home, police said.

Sunday, July 10

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At 8:45 p.m., a man with a gun robbed a Subway sandwich shop at 10380 San Pablo Ave.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — A 1982 Honda Accord was taken from the 1000 block of Everett Street sometime between 11 p.m. on July 9 and 6 a.m. the next day.

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — A 1990 Saturn SL was taken from the 4000 block of Bonnie Drive sometime between 11 p.m. on July 10 and 1 p.m. the next day.

— Alan

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Wishing the Turtle Lady a swift recovery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and a speedy recovery to Elizabeth DeVilbiss of Berkeley.

DeVilbiss, who will turn 86 Aug. 10, is recovering at Summit Hospital from a total hip replacement. She's better known to several generations of children in Richmond as the Turtle Lady, the city's Children's Librarian, where she is a regular visitor to classrooms, where she invariably broke the ice by leading them in reciting a poem titled "There Was A Little Turtle" — complete with hand gestures.

Even though she's long retired, she still makes a wall calendar every year for the Richmond Public Library's Children's Room, hoping it will inspire a child to want to learn more about something he or she sees.

Each calendar is slightly different, but they all list the standard dates, plus silly stuff like Seuss's birthday and National Ice Cream Day, as well as historic events from the city's cultures that make up Richmond's population. "Lately, it's been harder for her to write information neatly," says daughter, Virginia McCone. "She practices for hours so it'll be just right."

Some children lived too far away from the library, so she'd take them in the Bookmobile. Her effort was too great if it didn't find the right words to inspire them to read. She never owned a driver's license, preferring to commute to Richmond on the bus.

Though she often rode late at night, she was never hassled. The young men on the street were still the Turtle Lady, and he had been so nice to them when they were little.

Her library career began in Washington, D.C., where she worked books at the Library of Congress during World War II. She got her master's in library science at Cal, but she loved the ceremony because she was busy giving birth to her son and her twin brother, David.

The twins went to Washington, D.C. after they had been born, where she was still at the library, reading and teaching stories to the children. Her stories were closer to home, but she thought the



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

kids at Washington needed her more.

One day, she discovered that some of these kids were living in a shelter for battered women. So for the next 20 years she volunteered at the shelter, providing a grandmotherly lap. She wanted them to know that whatever life was happening in their lives, there was someone who cared about them.

She kept working at the shelter until a couple of years ago, when her doctor ordered her to quit because she was catching too many colds.

She's also been a lifelong leader in the Girl Scouts. (Her Girl Scout camp name? "Turtle," of course.) She was one of the earliest members of the late, lamented Berkeley Co-op — card #1719 — who could always be counted on to help with the annual inventory. (Her specialty: counting the nuts and bolts at the Co-op hardware store.) She is a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, where she makes the time pass faster at the monthly mailing sessions by regaling everyone with stories of her youth while they're stuffing envelopes.

Her family can't remember a Thanksgiving when she didn't bring home a lonely outsider for dinner. As a neighbor, she could always be counted on to offer help whenever she could. In recent years, this included keeping a discreet eye on several elderly neighbors.

"Now that she is elderly herself, she is anxious not to be a nuisance to anyone, although she's happily involved herself on behalf of others in the past," says Virginia.

I'm sure the beneficiaries of her many kindnesses would like to return the favor now. If you'd like to send her a get-well note or a birthday card, send it c/o Virginia McCone, 1047 Neilson St., Albany CA 94706.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES & PLACES

Gobler named Rotary president

Aaron Gobler was named president of the Albany Rotary Club on June 28.

According to a statement released last week, Gobler's goals include continued membership growth and a sustained focus on community and worldwide service projects. In addition, he will encourage Rotarians to support each others' businesses.

Gobler and his wife, Lisa Cain, own Page Point Web Solutions in Kensington. Cain is president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The Albany club was chartered in March 1929 and has 45 members from the active business and educational communities. It meets Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Solano Grill and Bar, 1133 Solano Ave., Albany.

The local arm of the international community service organization has taken on a number of projects such as the recent median beautification effort at Thousand Oaks and Key Route boulevards.

— Chris Treadway

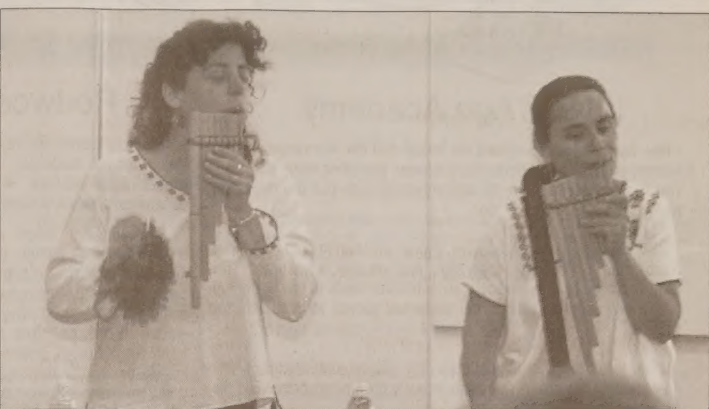
The following individuals were elected to the board of directors for the Albany Chamber of Commerce (terms begin Wednesday): Stefan Cohen, Innate Chiropractic; Elie Eichner, Jr., Eichner Properties; Denise Grimshaw, Arrow Glass; Roseanne Pontes, Waste Management; Jorge Sandoval, Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop; Yolanda Stenmark, The Mechanic's Bank.

An installation dinner for new and existing board members will be held in September.

— Craig Lazzarotti

Baylan Megina, an independent associate with Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., and Madeleine

Neighbors



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

LATIN AMERICAN folk musical group Colibri performs at the Albany Library on Tuesday. The group uses an array of traditional folk instruments to present an interactive journey through Latin America.

Ferguson and Rick White of Reliable Electric are the newest members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

— Craig Lazzarotti

A \$75,000 grant from the Intel Corp. provided 15 internship positions for TechFutures students in the summer 2005 Intel Computer Clubhouse program.

The Intel Computer Clubhouse provides a creative and safe after-school learning environment where young people from underserved communities work with adult mentors to explore their own ideas, develop skills, and build confidence in themselves through the use of technology.

Clubhouse assignments for the interns are as follows:

Hayward Clubhouse: Edward Vincent, El Cerrito High School class of 2003; Cindy Palza, ECHS class of 2004; Chris Borroso, ECHS class of 2005; David Van Wormer, ECHS class of 2005.

Oakland Clubhouse: Isabel Malonzo, ECHS class of 2003; Connie Chin, ECHS class of 2005.

San Francisco Clubhouse: David Chen, ECHS class of 2004; Amy Yang, ECHS class of 2004; Tracy Stadelman, ECHS class of 2004; Terence Chinman, ECHS class of 2005.

TechFutures is a two-year advanced technology training and jobs program whose mission is to

train high school youth in cutting-edge Internet applications to make them employable in high-paying jobs in industry. The program operates at El Cerrito, Kennedy and Richmond high schools.

— Craig Lazzarotti

Harding Elementary School's incoming kindergarten families are invited to a "Potluck in the Park" at Cerrito Vista Park on July 31 at 11:30 a.m. Cerrito Vista Park is located at Moeser and Pomona Avenue. If you would like to come, please contact Patty Enrado at 526-6774. To learn more about Harding, visit www.hardingpta.org.

— Craig Lazzarotti

The El Cerrito Soccer Club is holding two equipment-collection drives for children in coach Victor Tiekou's hometown in Ghana. Tiekou will bring the donations to Ghana this summer and in November. Dark green collection barrels are available in the office and swim center at the El Cerrito Community Center. Clothing and equipment will also be collected on the El Cerrito Soccer Club's opening day on Sept. 3 at Cerrito Vista Park. The club is collecting cleats (tied together), socks (tied together), shin guards (rubber band them together) and jerseys. Tiekou will also be collecting women's clothes and baby clothes.

— Craig Lazzarotti

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Albany Citizen and Youth of the Year. These awards are based upon community service performed in Albany during 2005. Adults must live in Albany, and young people should have attended Albany High or Middle School during the 2004-2005 school year.

Nominations should include the name of the individual, their address and phone number, and a thorough description of the community services performed. Nominations should not come from relatives. Send nominations to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany or via e-mail at albanychamber@bigplanet.com. Admissions should be submitted no later than Tuesday.

— Craig Lazzarotti

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an event or other experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too (sorry, we cannot return print photos). E-mail it to the editor, by e-mail: journal@cctimes.com, or mailing to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 8-month-old female Aussie mix blue merle; 8-month-old female terrier/cattledog mix; 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 10-month-old pit bull/Lab mix tan; 6-month-old male shepherd mix black and brown; 5-year-old male pit bull/Lab mix black.

Cats: 4-year-old female DSH brown and white tabby; 5-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 5-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH brown tabby; 1-year-old female black; 5-year-old female white; 4-year-old female tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old male DSH black; 3-year-old male DSH tortoiseshell; 10-month-old female DSH black; 8-year-old male Siamese mix seal; 7-year-old male Siamese brown tabby; 4-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; cats of various ages, sizes and colors.

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Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots.



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proper shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

Homeless canines, cats gain from Bay to Barkers

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

London landed the human Olympics, but Berkeley has the Doggy Olympiad.

Mutts and purebreds from all over the East Bay will gather at Cesar Chavez Park on Sunday to compete in 10 events, including the Group Tiddit Catch, the Group Tennis Ball Catch, the Bounceless Retrieve and the Down Stay.

The Doggy Olympiad is one of the highlights of the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's annual fund-raiser, the Bay to Barkers Dog Walk and Festival. The Down Stay will be an attempt to break the society's own mark in the Guinness Book of World Records — 87 dogs in the stay position for two minutes — set in 2003.

Among the other attractions: a pet talent show, a 1.3-mile bayside stroll and a demonstration by officers "Bear" and "Morgan" from the Canine Corp of the UC Berkeley Bomb Squad. The humane society's hospital staff also will provide identification microchips at reduced fees.

Channel 22 consumer editor Tom Vacar will emcee the event. Registration for the dog walk begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the walk at 10.

Participants in the walk will pay

a \$25 preregistration fee (\$30 on the day of the event) per dog. Other events are free.

Each registered walker will be eligible for prizes, which include a stay at Harrah's/Harvey's in South Lake Tahoe or a photo session with Lori Cheung, The Pet Photographer. All walkers will receive a special Bay to Barkers T-shirt and registration bag filled with treats for both humans and canines.

All proceeds from Bay to Barkers will benefit the homeless dogs and cats in the society's shelter.

The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is a privately funded adoption agency serving Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington and North Oakland. The society is located at 2700 Ninth St., West Berkeley. The adoption center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call 510-845-7735 or log on to www.berkeleyhumane.org.



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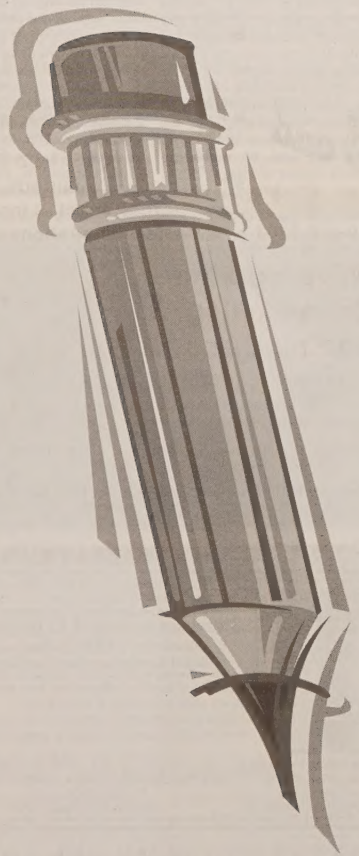
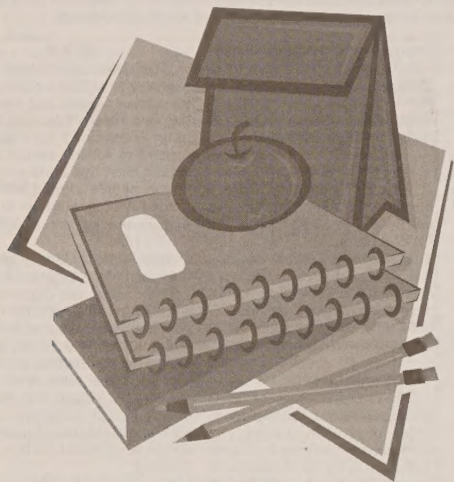
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- Basic Necklace/ Bracelet - Sun., July 24; 12:30-4:30pm
- Organza Ribbon Necklace Sat., July 30; 10:00am-2:00pm
- Pearl Knotting - Sun. July 31, 12:30-4:30pm
- Basic Earrings Fri., Aug. 5, 6:30-9:30pm
- Flat Peyote Beads Sat., Aug. 6, 10:00am-1:00pm
- 6-in-1 Chain Bracelet Sun., Aug. 7, 4:30-7:30pm

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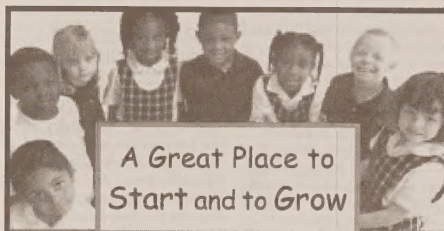
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

COMMENTARY

Waterfront poll was a disservice to residents

By Rick Caruso
GUEST COMMENTARY

AN ANONYMOUSLY funded poll clearly intended to mold public opinion and not simply gauge people's views is counterproductive to the debate about the Albany waterfront. As one speaker at the June 20 City Council meeting pointed out, its intent was to quash instead of encourage public debate.

For nearly eight months we — Caruso Affiliated and Golden Gate Fields — have undertaken one task only in Albany: to meet with community members throughout the city in order to hear their views on what the community would possibly like to see at the waterfront. We have met with hundreds of people, and we will meet with hundreds more — supporters, opponents and those who have no opinion one way or the other. We continue to meet with people in homes and neighborhoods throughout the city.

What we have brought is a blank slate. We have no plans. We have no drawings. All we have is a sharp pencil to take good notes and an open mind toward any idea that is raised. When we do ultimately circulate some initial drawings, we will try our best to reflect what we have heard in our conversations with Albany residents. Our discussions have been in greater detail, and have covered a much broader vision, than the descriptions covered in this poll.

While I am sure that a partial intent of this poll was to discourage our efforts, I have in fact been extremely encouraged by the level of interest in the topic and the great feedback and ideas we have been receiving from throughout the community.

People have suggested many things to us: an off-leash dog park, a facility to launch kayaks, coffee shops to sit and enjoy the sunset, completion of the Bay Trail,

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higher-end retail facilities, restaurants, better access points from the east side of the freeway to the shore, an educational center to teach people about the history of the community, and on and on. Mayor Robert Good and Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi have been kind enough to attend one of our meetings, and I think they can attest to the broad range of views on this topic.

Among the many great things about Albany is that the voters had the wisdom and foresight to pass Measure C, blocking any further development on that property without a vote of the people. We welcome that. If we cannot develop a proposal and plan that has a consensus behind it and can be supported by a majority of residents, then we should not build here.

Shouldn't Albany residents be given the opportunity to decide for themselves instead of having anonymous groups fund polls for the purpose of sabotaging a project that does not even exist?

Rick Caruso is chief executive officer of Caruso Affiliated. The Journal welcomes guest commentary submissions. Submissions may be e-mailed to journal@cctimes.com.

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HOW HIGH IS HIGHER?

I'm not real optimistic about gasoline prices going down.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discuss ways to address crime increase

Thank you for the June 24 editorial concerning crime in El Cerrito. I agree the city should not rush to judgment or action, but it does need to start discussing this matter!

Here is why. The City Council recently adopted a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1. The budget adds a full-time assistant supervisor at the swim center, citing increased usage. The budget indicates this position is being subsidized by general tax dollars, not swim center user fees.

Like the swim center, the El Cerrito Police Department has seen a large increase in its workload. The budget, however, provides no additional staffing for the police department.

The City Council needs to hold a study session with the police department and Citizens' Crime Prevention Committee to discuss ways to combat the increasing crime in El Cerrito. Hiring additional police officers needs to be part of this discussion.

We are fortunate that our police chief is a dedicated professional who is sure to have some ideas about how to improve police protection.

Our hard-working police officers should receive the same consideration as others and be given additional resources and personnel to handle an increasing workload.

Kathleen Perka
El Cerrito

Perka is a former El Cerrito City Council member.

Represent all residents

Robert Lieber, in his July 8 guest commentary in the Journal, doesn't seem to understand the fundamental difference between being on the City Council and being a resident activist.

Private parties taking a poll can do what they wish. They can keep the names of the donors private, keep the information private and use it as they see fit.

A council member cannot do that. If he presents a poll on the agenda, basic facts — such as who funded it (and that means everyone who contributed directly or indirectly through another donor), had input into the questions and gave directions to the company doing the poll — have to be transparent. Otherwise, it doesn't belong on a public agenda.

No poll that I am aware of has ever been on the agenda without having the answers to these questions available to the public. And the answers to these questions, regarding this poll, still are not forthcoming.

Lieber has a right to be as passionate as he likes about his point of view. But he has no right to give his bully pulpit, which he attained in an at-large election, to private groups. Lieber has many other means to advance his beliefs.

Lieber is a council member for all the residents of Albany and should behave as if he understood this.

Thelma Rubin
Albany

It's our planet, too

A recent West County Times article headline read, "U.S. waters down plan

on climate."

It said the Bush administration's push to alter the Group of Eight's plan on global warming marks its "latest effort to edit scientific or policy documents to accord with its position that mandatory carbon dioxide cuts are unnecessary."

So, rather than let science influence decision-making, a previously made decision determines how scientific information is altered. Sound familiar?

Who deleted two paragraphs citing the evidence for the effects of global warming, ending with, "irreversible long-term changes to our climate and oceans," and substituted a weak paragraph about the "potential" for climate change?

The answer is Phillip Cooney, former chief of staff of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Cooney is now employed by ExxonMobil, "a leading opponent of mandatory limits on green-house gas emissions."

It appears that corporate interest outweighs scientific data.

Dear readers, the corporations do not have your best interests at heart. Let's not let them determine environmental policies. It's our planet, too. You may call in your opinion at 202-456-1414 or write to President Bush.

Encourage Bush to restore the deleted language and go along with the other G-8 nations — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia — on the proposed plan to counter global warming.

Iris J. Ridgway
El Cerrito

Let's preserve waterfront

Our community has a valuable tradition of supporting small-business owners and innovative environmental programs (Green Businesses in Albany).

If we support the plan of the Los Angeles developer Rick Caruso and Canada's Magna Entertainment Corp. for waterfront development, it will undermine the quality of life in Albany, increase traffic problems, destroy waterfront habitat and support the greed of out-of-town developers.

Those of us who live and work in Albany enjoy the gift of the Eastshore Park and waterfront without malls or condominiums.

Let's preserve this for generations to come.

Joanne Wile
Albany

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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A dishonorable bill

America's veterans have fought to protect the rights of our countrymen, but members of Congress are preparing a bailout for the asbestos companies that would deny the rights of Navy veterans sickened or killed by this substance.

Veterans who bravely and honorably served their country will suffer the consequences of this legislation, while the corporations responsible for their physical suffering and early death will receive an enormous windfall.

Under this bill, many asbestos victims and a disproportionate number of Navy veterans, will go uncompensated for medical bills, loss of wages, and pain and suffering.

They should be Congress' first priority, not the special interests pushing unfair and dishonorable bill.

Stella Giovannini
El Cerrito

Giovannini is the widow of a deceased asbestos worker.

Self-serve checkouts

Just for the fun of it, I decided to test the self-service checkout lane at my favorite supermarket. The line was long and it moved slowly.

I looked ahead and saw why. The customers were fumbling over the machine and taking forever to get them to the right. It was like a scene out of Saturday Night Live.

Then it hit me like a flash: The company had replaced the skilled help of amateurs off the street. We, the customers, are expected to do the work of the trained checker, for free, and with discount. Subsequently, the store is away with having fewer checkers.

When we use the self-serve checkout lane, we are taking away the work of paid employee trained to do that job.

In view of the present unemployment rate and the slow job growth, that seems a downright unpatriotic thing to do, so the company can get free labor out of the customers and cut jobs.

If I am off the mark on any of the points, maybe somebody from the Service Employees International Union can write in and set the matter straight.

James J.
El Cerrito

Bad bailout bill

The asbestos bailout bill before U.S. Congress is bad for veterans who were poisoned while serving on ships. Those veterans are being asked to give up their rights to hold the asbestos manufacturers accountable.

It is also bad for victims of neighborhood asbestos exposure who are excluded from ever receiving compensation for medical bills, pain, suffering and death.

And it is bad for us taxpayers, who will eventually bear the cost of this bill and destined-to-fail bureaucracy.

For whom is it a good deal? Corporations such as W.R. Grace & Co., Hooker and U.S. Gypsum, who will be billions of dollars in liability relief despite the fact they knowingly manufactured product they knew was killing veterans and civilians alike.

Edwin Young
El Cerrito

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Corpse flower set to stink at Cal campus

are Amorphophallus
um is a giant with a
om that causes swoons

By Shirley Dang
TIMES STAFF WRITER

ERKELEY — Staring at the
seafoam bud — 5 feet tall,
ely furred and wearing what
ears to be a rather bulging
— Paul Licht radioed for
from inside the UC Botani-
Garden greenhouse.

Trudy's got ants," said Licht,
den director. "Ants in her
you could say."

help arrived immediately, but
e was nothing one could do
Trudy the Titan. She is only
telling her evolutionary duty
corpse flower: preparing to
ce carrion beetles and ants
pollination with a heady per-
e of rotting flesh.

Trudy, an Amorphophallus ti-
m, is one of a rare but grow-
region of the stinking giant
ms in the United States.

Right now, we're really get-
— for lack of a better word
glut of them," said Trudy's
er, Bill Weaver of Sunnyvale.

ring a dozen or so in the past
; nearly all products of seeds
minated from a stock that
mist James Symon brought
c from Sumatra in 1995.

Weaver, a 49-year-old self-de-
bed "plant freak," bought a
uted Titan that year at the
Davis arboretum sale.

nce then, Weaver has tended
is plant's voracious feeding
ts with a drip system of fer-
ed water that leaks a gallon
y other day. Last year, he built
-foot greenhouse solely for
y after she threatened to
le through the roof of her
ed domicile with the orchids.
le waited patiently.

iso called Titan arums, these
ed-up and odiferous relative of
alla and philodendron rarely
er before they are 7 years old.
t will either throw up a new
or a bloom," Weaver said.

can't tell till it gets really tall,"
his month, after nearly a
de of care (and almost 2,000
ns of water), Trudy shot up
d after the Fourth of July.

proud "father" announced
minent birth via computer.
e decided to lend Trudy to
niversity, hoping her pres-
would draw more visitors to
of his favorite botanical gar-
e.

Weaver said. Last week, he
her to Berkeley in a rented
ke 15-foot truck, afraid of
shing the rare bloom nearly
ade in the making.

nce her move to the UC



TRUDY, a corpse flower, towers over other plants at the UC Botanical Garden in Berkeley. Paul Licht, the garden's director, says the bloom will collapse soon after opening.

tropical greenhouse. Trudy has
grown more than a foot. Before
the opening, the plant will heat
up to nearly 100 degrees inter-
nally and emit hideous waves of
stench, Licht said.

Then, after a brief but spec-
tacular show, the magenta-hued
bloom will collapse.

IF YOU GO

A rare, giant corpse flower is on display this week at the University of California Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. The gardens, home to 9,000 species of plants, are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$1 for children aged 3 to 18. UC students, staff and faculty enter for free. For more information, call 510-643-2755.

Written word is only libraries' beginning

Quote of the week:

"The mission of the ALA Public Programs Office is to foster cultural programming as an integral part of library service in all types of libraries. The unit provides leadership, resources, training, and networking opportunities that help thousands of librarians nationwide develop and host cultural opportunities for adults, young adults, and families."

— From American Library Association Web site (www.ala.org)

I RECENTLY RECEIVED an e-mail about the American Library Association's Cultural Communities Fund (CCF).

The librarian who sent it encouraged librarians and others to support this fund, particularly because there is a July 31 deadline for receiving matching funds from the National Endowment of the Humanities.

To find out more about this, I went to the ALA Web site. CCF turns out to be part of the ALA Public Programs office, and it is described as "an endowment to support local libraries ... as they develop and create cultural programs." The focus of this new fund is to provide a permanent and ongoing funding source.

Specific activities, according to the CCF fact sheet, will include training for librarians, program models and programming grants.

Some of the supporters of this fund include: the NEH; the Wallace Foundation; the Public Library Association; Harper-Collins Publishers; the National Library of Medicine; and many individuals. It is wonderful to see people supporting the idea of "bringing communities together through cultural programming" (ALA Web site).

And what are some of the specific programs ALA provides? On the Web site I found two current available grants: "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation," a traveling exhibit that will go to 60 libraries, and "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature — Identity and Imagination" — a reading and book discussion program. I also looked to see whether any nearby libraries have received past grants from the PPO and found several. Berkeley Public Library, as well as Richmond and San Francisco, were cho-



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

sen as sites for the "Human Rights Video Project," which was "dedicated to increasing the public's awareness of human rights issues through the medium of documentary films." Each grant included a collection of 12 films, and some libraries received additional funding for discussion groups.

In 2004, the Benicia Public Library hosted "Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image," a traveling exhibition that took a close look at the central agricultural region of North America. And I was involved in the Albany Library grant a few years ago for "LIVE! @ Your Library," which provided the funds to host a series of poetry events. This series was so popular that there are now two ongoing poetry programs at the library.

There is a page on the ALA Web site that describes the benefits of public programming for libraries and their communities — and it is worth reading. But I can attest to these benefits myself. Even on the days when I just want to go home from work and relax, I am moved or exhilarated or entertained by the programs we have at our library. This summer I have seen the results of all the planning and organizing and allocating I had to do in the spring, as I prepared for our Tuesday evening summer events.

So far, they have all been well attended and as good as I could hope. And when I stand at the back of the room and watch the children laughing at Swazelle and its puppets or hear the rhythmic clapping as the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers give us history and music in action, I am most aware of influencing not the crowd of 80 or more, but each individual person, as he or she finds something special to them. That is what public programming is about.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

RARY ACTIVITIES

eaders Anonymous, the El
to Library's book club, has
lunched its upcoming selec-

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are open to all. No registra-
ion is required. The El Cerrito
y is located at 6510 Stock-
ve. Call 526-7512 for fur-
information.

ly 26: "Time Traveler's"
y Audrey Niffenegger
ugust 23: "Dive from
sen's Pier" by Ann Packer.
ept. 27: "Plainsong" by Kent
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ct 25: "Easter Island" by Jen-
Vanderbes
ov. 29: "Pompeii" by Robert
is.

ec. 27: "Breath, Eyes, Mem-
by Edwidge Danticat

Norman Ng will perform a
magic show that includes origi-
nal magic, audience interaction
and visual comedy at the Albany
Library on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Ng
has been performing throughout
the United States for more than
13 years, and has won numerous
national and international
awards.

This is the fifth in a series of
free summer Tuesday evening
events at the Albany Library. No
registration is required. The Al-
bany Library is located at 1247
Marin Ave., and is a branch of
the Alameda County Library sys-
tem. For more information, call
Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-
3720, ext. 17 or e-mail to jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org.

Jill Lebeau, a psychotherapist,
and Stephanie Barbic, a profes-
sional organizer, will speak on
uncluttering your life at the El
Cerrito Library on Monday at 7
p.m. Lebeau is a psychotherapist,
motivational speaker and author
who specializes in rapid trans-
formation — a method she de-
veloped that accelerates the ex-
pansion of psychological and
spiritual consciousness.

Barbic is a specialist in orga-
nizing your home/business so

that you can have peace of mind.
She is a member of the National
Association of Professional Or-
ganizers and the National Study
Group on Chronic Disorganiza-
tion.

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Coming Up

Children

■ **Family Film Sunday Series** presents film "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" 11 a.m. July 17 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Original 1971 version of Roald Dahl's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Starring Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** presents "Sisters of Song: A Week-Long Workshop for Emerging Poets" led by Yosefa Raz 9-11:30 a.m. July 18-21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22 (field trip). Open to girls ages 13-19. Express your poetic voice with girls from all different backgrounds. Poetry workshop includes visiting authors, field trips, writing exercises and a community wide poetry reading 4 p.m. July 24 in BRJCC auditorium, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Fee: \$50 includes snacks. Scholarships available. To register: 510-848-0237 x130.

■ **Norman Ng** brings magic to Albany Library 7 p.m. July 19 at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Magic show includes original magic, audience interaction and visual comedy. No registration required. Details: July 510-526-3720 x17.

■ **Shakespeare Camps** for youth ages 7-18 are weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. Schedule: teen camp through July 22, July 25-Aug. 5, Aug. 8-19. Cost: \$395, \$520 with aftercare. To enroll: call 800-978-PLAY, or download forms at www.sfsakes.org and fax to 415-865-4433.

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2055 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents: Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. July 23; Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at University Garage, Addition at Oxford Streets. Details: www.habitat.org or 510-647-1111.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session one for ages 10-14 through July 24, session two, for ages 11-16, July 30-Aug. 4. Details: www.lawrencehallofscience.org and 510-642-5134.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates through Aug. 1 at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: www.stageoorconservatory.org or 510-521-6250.

■ **Black Repertory Group** Youth Department's Summer Day Camp is through August for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

Community

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following animal adoption events: Cats available 12-3 p.m. July 16, 23 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. — Dogs available 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 16 at PetSmart Grand Opening, 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany.

— Cats available 12-3 p.m. July 30 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Fix Our Ferals** presents "Fund Our Ferals" fundraiser 4-7 p.m. July 16 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, One Lawson Road, Kensington. Silent auction, food, wine. \$35 admission includes refreshments. Details: www.fixourferals.org.

■ **Harvesting for the Hungry** — Do you have fruit trees? Village Harvest and Spiral Gardens are teaming together to harvest backyard fruit trees for the hungry the morning of July 16 in Berkeley area. If you have a large amount of fruit and are unable to harvest it yourself, call 888-FRUIT-411 (888-378-4841) to volunteer fruit from your tree. Details: www.villageharvest.org.

■ **Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's** 8th annual Bay to Barkers Dog Walk and Festival is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 17 at Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley Marina, 11 Spinnaker Way. Gentle 1.3-mile bayside stroll, fun activities for canines, demonstrations and exhibits. Proceeds benefit abandoned dogs and cats sheltered at Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Cost: \$25-\$30; participants asked to gather as many pledges as possible. Great prizes available. Details: 510-845-7735 x13 or www.berkeleyhumane.org.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley, presents: Robin Caton on "A Pilgrimage to Tibet" 6 p.m. July 17 at 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Coming up: Lama Palzang and Pema Gellek on "Compassion as Forgiveness" 6 p.m. July 24. — Lama Ardo on "Meditation and the Four Noble Truths" 6 p.m. July 31. — Lama Palzang and Pema Gellek on "Developing the Wish for Freedom" 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Details: 510-843-6812.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst Ave., presents the following free events: July 18: Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. — July 19: Lucci Ellis presents video and discussion "A Fat Nation in a Thin World" at 1 p.m. — July 26: Matt Ryan gives presentation about vacationing in Prague, Budapest and Krakow at 1:15 p.m. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **American Red Cross** holds mobile blood drives at the following times in Berkeley (unless noted): 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. July 19 at UCB Physical Plant, 2000 Carleton St. — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 20 at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany. — 1 p.m.-7 p.m. July 22 at Church of Jesus Christ of LDS 1501 Walnut St. Details: Jonathan 510-527-6215. — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 26, Aug. 31 at University of California, MLK Student Union, East Pauley Ballroom. Details: 1-800-448-3543 or www.BeAD-onor.com.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org. Upcoming events: Peach & other stone fruit tastings 2-7 p.m. July 19; Peach Tastings, Cooking Demonstrations, theatre pieces on organic agriculture 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 23.

■ **Studio Rasa** presents Global Wisdom Circle, a series of meditation, dialogues, stories and ritual with spiritual teachers celebrating Buddhist, Christian, indigenous, Islamic, Jewish and Sufi life ways. Circle is open 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at 933 Parker St., Berkeley. Series includes: Shaykh Yassir Chadly

July 19; Marc Lesser July 26. Suggested donation: \$14. Details: 510-843-2787 or www.StudioRasa.org.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven to Foundation. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

Exhibits

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave., #2250, Berkeley, presents: "Spies" screening 7:30 p.m. July 15; "Baby Face" screening 7 p.m., "Night Nurse" screening 9 p.m. July 23 in PFA Theater; "Blind at the Museum" shows through July 24, with guided tour 2 p.m. July 24; "Employee's Entrance" screening 5:30 p.m., "Two Seconds" screening 7:25 p.m. July 24 in PFA Theater; "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting" through July 24; Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach through Sept. 4; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through Aug. 7; Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004 through Aug. 14. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: 2005 New Member Show is July 15-Aug. 12, with newest artists and their exciting work. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

■ **22nd annual Berkeley Art Center Association National Juried Exhibition** is July 17-Aug. 27 at Berkeley Art Center, Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St. Opening reception & awards 2-4 p.m. July 17. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **The Ames Gallery** presents "Jon Serf: Recent Acquisitions" exhibit July 18-Sept. 17 at 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays; evenings/weekends by appointment. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

■ **Photography show "Travels with Margot"** shows through July 20 at the HomeMade Cafe, 2454 Sacramento St., Berkeley. Berkeley activist Margot Smith presents photos from Europe, China, Hawaii, Mexico, California. Details: 510-486-8010.

■ **Badá Museum** presents "Wholly Grace," a solo exhibit of the work of Susan Duhan Field through Sept. 29 at Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Reception 4-7 p.m. July 21, featuring flute and ocarina music by Edie Harshome at 4 p.m.; poetry at 5 p.m.; and at 6 p.m. spirited Klezmer music by Kugelplex Band. Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment; 510-848-0528.

■ **Shotgun Players** presents Edmond Rostand's classic story "Cyrano de Bergerac" 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays July 23-Sept. 11 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Free; donations accepted. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through July 31 at Reutlinger Gallery; "Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shitl" through July 31. Details: 510-549-9950 or www.magnes.org.

■ **Innersport's** spring art show runs until August at 1250 Addison St., #102, Berkeley. Show features work by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kienn and Nita Moreno. Details: www.innersport.com.

■ **Black Repertory Group**, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley, presents: Night Owl Comedy 10 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays

monthly. Cost: \$5-\$10. — Free Lunch Program is through Aug. 4. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

■ **Albany Arts Committee** presents exhibit "From Life," featuring plein air and figurative paintings of Iris Sabre through Sept. 2 at Foyer Gallery, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., 8:30 a.m.-5:50 p.m. Saturdays. Details: 510-524-1577.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley, offers the following exhibitions: — "Turning Corners", a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations", a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through Jan. 22, 2006. — Details: 510-642-0808.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Benefit for Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters & Earth First: Stomp the Stumps! with Gary Gates Band, Funky Nixons and Day Late Fools' Band 8 p.m. July 15. \$10-20. — Rebbesoul, World Beat with Hebrew roots 9:30 p.m. July 16. \$11-\$13. — Flamenco Open Stage 7:30 p.m. July 17. \$10. — Cajun dance lesson at 7:00 p.m., intermediate dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., Balkan Folkdance 8 p.m. July 20. \$7. — Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave 10 p.m. July 21. \$6. Details: www.ashkenaz.com or 510-525-5054.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents the following events: Arawaks & Maroons: Santero's album release party 9 p.m. July 15. \$12. — Flamenco Series "Juerga De Verano" Summer Fiesta 8 p.m. July 16. \$18-\$20. — Danza Peruviana dance 7 p.m. July 17. \$15. — Arab Women Film Festival: "Wild Flowers: Women of South" 7:30 p.m. July 20. \$5. — "Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt" 7:30 p.m. July 27. \$5. — Cafe Poetry/Open Mic with Paradise 7:30 p.m. July 20. Donation. — Calamantan Latin Jazz Quartet July 22. \$10-\$12. — Wild Mango & the Kelly Takunda Orphan Project 8:30 p.m. July 23. \$14-\$16. — 100 Years of Struggle: A Celebration of the IWW and the American Labor Movement featuring Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz, Folk Tish!, Berkeley's Allegro Non Troppo and more 7:30 p.m. July 24. \$8-\$12. — Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Reception 4-7 p.m. July 21, featuring flute and ocarina music by Edie Harshome at 4 p.m.; poetry at 5 p.m.; and at 6 p.m. spirited Klezmer music by Kugelplex Band. Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment; 510-848-0528.

■ **Actors Ensemble of Berkeley** presents Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced" 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays July 15-Aug. 13 at Live Oak Theatre, 1901 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Admission: \$10. Reservations: 510-649-5999 or www.aeofberkeley.org.

■ **Women's Will**, the Bay Area's all-female Shakespeare Company, presents "Richard III" 1 p.m. July 16-17 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley hills. Free. Details: www.womenswill.org or 510-420-0813.

■ **Berkeley Opera** presents Richard Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg 7:30 p.m. July 16, 20, 22 and 2 p.m. July 24 at Julia Morgan Center for



AMY NIELSON plays Reno Sweeney in Contra Costa Theatre's production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," with Fridays, Saturdays, and some Sundays through Aug. 13. Reservations, call 510-524-9132.

the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$15-40; call 925-798-1300. Wagner's comedic opera in three-hour adaptation: a small community prepares for midsummer festival with young men in a singing competition for hand of loveless woman in town. In German with English superlites. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **SASSAFRAS**: Shotgun's Annual Spandolous Silent Auction Family Reunion and Soiree-ganza is 7-10 p.m. July 16 at The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Enjoy live performances, sneak previews of upcoming Shotgun productions, hors d'oeuvres and drinks served by Shotgun Theatre Company members, chat with Artistic Director Patrick Dooley. Tickets: sliding scale \$20-\$100; RSVP: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **Sun and Moon Ensemble** presents "Krishna and Rahda" 4 p.m. July 17 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Ancient myths and legends from India told through drama, dance, humor, storytelling, giant puppets, masks, and live music. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Naked Masks** theatre company presents "Amnesia: Benefit Event and Performance" 8 p.m. July 18 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Light reception, world premiere of short play developed by company. Free; donations are tax deductible. Reservations, details: 510-883-9872.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** holds auditions for "You Can't Take It With You," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, directed by Kate Culbertson, and starring Ralph Miller as Grandpa Vanderhof, on July 19-20 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Prepare a one-minute monologue and read from script. Roles for eight men, seven women, 20s-60s. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.cccct.org.

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15-\$35. For group discounts, call 847-2918. Tickets/details: 510-847-2918, toll free 888-4-BRT-TX, or berkeleyrep.org.

Theatre Company presents "Dead Poets Night" through July 16 at Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10-\$20. Wednesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m. Sundays 7 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sundays. Ticket: \$45; call 510-843-4822 or theatre.org.

Costa Civic Theatre presents Porter's musical "Anything Goes" through July 16 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets: \$12-\$20. Reservations: 510-843-4822 or www.cccot.org.

Key Repertory Theatre presents "Monopoly!" at 7 p.m. Aug. 13, 2 p.m. Sundays July 17 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets: \$12-\$20. Reservations: 510-843-4822 or www.cccot.org.

Health/Fitness

Visual through Guided Visualizations of free talk and demonstration by Clinical Hypnotherapist Ziegler at Berkeley. **Alta Support Group** 12-2 p.m. at Herrick Campus of Alta Summit Medical Center, 2001 May, Berkeley. Details: Deborah 3273.

Kundalini Yoga is Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. through Aug. 16 at 12, 2525 8th St., Berkeley. Ticket cost \$42. Details: 510-841-3273.

Fibromyalgia Support holds their third annual "Show Rap Session" from 12-2 p.m. at Herrick Campus of Alta Summit Medical Center, 2001 May, Berkeley. Attendees are invited to bring items, information or just help them manage their fibro. Free. Newly or non-diagnosed are also welcome. Details: 510-844-3273.

Learning

Classes presents the following dance classes with certified instructor Sasha Futran at 303 Arlington: Next classes: 10 p.m. Thursdays through July 14. — Basic Manners 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays through July 21. — 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays Aug. 13. Fee: \$125. — "Come, Spot, Come: Total Body" 1 p.m. July 23. \$35. — "It's a True Story: True Stories of Travel with a Friend" 3-5 p.m. July 23. —

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California Shakespeare Theater presents "The Playwright Prepares: Story, Plot, Action and Character": a master class with Tony-Award-winning playwright David Edgar 1-4 p.m. July 16 at Cal Shakes Rehearsal Hall, 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Playwright Edgar will define, explore concepts of story, plot, action & character. Fee: \$100. Details: www.CalShakes.org or 510-548-3422 x127.

McCutcheon Construction presents free Remodeling Workshop 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 16 at Trullit and White Conference Center, 1817-2nd St., Berkeley. Learn facts and how-to's at workshop designed for homeowners. Space limited, register early. Workshop is free or \$5 at door. Details/registration: 510-558-8030.

Dr. Robert Russell, founder of Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, discusses "Science and Religion: Issues for the 21st Century" 11:30 a.m. July 17 at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Free. First of four-part series focusing on theological and ethical issues raised by ongoing research in neuroscience and cognitive sciences, and by cloning and stem cell research.

Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents the following classes: "Altered Dominant and Dominant 13(b9) Chords: The How, When and Why of Using Them" with Anton Schwartz 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 17. Fee: \$45 students, \$60 others. — "Basic Set-Up and Maintenance for Guitar" with Ralph Novak 12-4 p.m. July 17. \$60 students, \$75 others. — Exploring the Bebop Scale with Kasey Knudsen 2-4 p.m. July 24. \$20. — "Spirit Songs - Freeing Your Voice Through the Power of Gospel" with Vernon Bush 2-4 p.m. July 24. \$30-\$45. — "Ta Ke Ti Na - Experiencing Multiple Layers of Rhythm" with David Allport 2-4 p.m. July 31. \$20-\$30. Details: 650-845-5373 or www.jazzschool.com.

St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Berkeley, offers: Asian Art Museum docent Laubeth Nelson discusses new show "Tibet, Roof of the World" 11 a.m. July 19. Manicures by Carolyn Law. — Charles Fitch shows travel slides 11 a.m. July 26. Details: 510-845-6830.

Literary events

Poetry Express weekly open mike hosted by Mark States is on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Upcoming features: July 18: Jeanne Lupton, Janell Moon, Donna Lane, Trena Machado. July 25: theme "Dead Poets Night" with friends of David Lerner. Aug. 1: Tureeda Mikell. Aug. 8: Paula Farkas. Aug. 15: Barbara Belle-Diamond. Details: email berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com.

Rhythm & Muse features poet/musician/playwright/activist Avotcja 7 p.m. July 23 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Open mic sign-up 6:30 p.m., piano & two mics available. Free; donations appreciated. Upcoming: Jan Steckel (poetry/prose) Aug. 27; Zara Raab (poetry) Sept. 27; Storytellers' Night Nov. 26. Details: 510-644-6893 or 510-527-9753.

The Whole Note Poetry Series is 7 p.m. on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at the Beany, 2925 College Ave., Berkeley. Coming up: Eugene David Parich & Jim Barnard July 26. Details: Jesse 510-549-9093.

Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library Book Club, presents upcoming selections for meetings held at 7-8 p.m. at 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito: "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger on July 26; "Dive from Clausen's Pier" by Ann Packer on Aug. 23; "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf on Sept. 27; "Easter Island" by Jennifer Vanderderby on Oct. 25; "Pompeii" by Robert Harris on Nov. 29; "Breath, Eyes, Memory" by Edwidge Danticat on Dec. 27. Free. Details: 510-526-7512 or go to www.cclib.org.

Meetings

City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: July 18, Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5. Details: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/landuse/Creeks/default.html.

Berkeley Gray Panthers present state-wide coordinator Harriet Hoffman of the Committee for an Independent Voice speaking on "How do Independents Affect the Political Landscape?"

at 7 p.m. July 20 at 1403 Addison St., Berkeley. She will also discuss political reform issues. Light vegetarian supper.

— "Will the Governor's November Election Sink California?" is topic for meeting 1:30 p.m. July 27 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Features speakers from Teachers, Labor, Activists and the Alliance for a Better California. Details: 510-548-9696.

City of Berkeley Mental Health Services Act meeting for Berkeley/Albany community stakeholders is 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. July 27 at South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St. Community's chance to ensure the most important mental health issues are identified. Details: Ericka 510-981-5222.

Music

Starry Plough Club, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents upcoming shows: Shelley Doty X-tet, Pyeng Threadgill Group July 15. \$6. — Campo Bravo, Judith and Holomes, Rise & Fall of Amy Rude July 16. \$6. — Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black 8 p.m. July 17, 24, 31. Sliding scale. — Dance Class and Ceili (Traditional Irish music session) 9 p.m. July 18, 25. Class 7 p.m. Free. — Open Mic 7:30 p.m. July 19, 26. Free.

— Berkeley Poetry Slam with host Charles Elik and Three Blind Mice 8:30 p.m. July 20, 27. \$5-\$7. — Kid Beyond July 21. \$6. — Penelope Houston, Moore Brothers, Willow Willow July 22. \$7. — Jessica Lurie Ensemble, Mushroom July 23. \$8. — Brandi Carille July 28. \$6. — Botticelli's, Nineteen Eightyfour, Pyramus Never Dies, Picture Theory July 29. \$8. — Grapefruit Ed July 30. \$8. Details: 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com. Shows

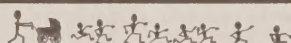
at 9:30 p.m., for ages 21+ unless noted.

Options Recovery Services presents "A Celebration in Opera and Song" fundraiser concert 8 p.m. July 15 at St. Joseph the Worker, 1840 Addison St., Berkeley. Lisa Houston, mezzo-soprano with Daniel Lockert, piano and special guest Leland Morine, Baritone. Suggested donation \$30. Silent auction & refreshments. Tickets: 510-666-9900. Details: www.Optionsrecovery.org; click on Events.

Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents: Jazzschool Jam Sessions Sundays 7:30-10 p.m. Open mic session where instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to sit in. Free. — The Next Generation 8 p.m. July 15. \$10. — Loose Wig Quartet 8 p.m. July 16. \$10. — The Strings Project 4:30 p.m. July 17. \$10. — McGinty Brothers 8 p.m. July 23. \$10. — Sol do Brasil 4:30 p.m. July 24. \$10. — Dan Marschak and Sam Adams 8 p.m. July 30. \$10. — Samora Pinderhughes Quintet 4:30 p.m. July 31. \$10. Advance tickets: 1-866-384-3060.

Down Home Music presents free in-store performances on select Saturdays at 2 p.m. at 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Coming up: jazz bassist Kurt Ribak Trio July 16. Details: 510-525-2129.

Caribbean Cove Restaurant, 2556 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, presents: Leon & the Peoples appearing 3-6 p.m. July 17 to meet fans, sign autographs, draw winners for Reggae on the River tickets. — Tony Rebel and other reggae artists will appear to sign autographs, meet fans 6-8 p.m. July 25. Also featured is Queen Africa, Kwame Wanafrika, Bunny "Glock" Jackson and the Rebel Rootz Krew Band. Details: 510-981-8476.



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"Really, people are the reward," Morris said. "Helping people build relationships so they can solve problems creatively or find resources they didn't know were available to them."

Community development director Mitch Oshinsky said Morris' position was also related to the city's redevelopment agency goals, which includes pursuing a new civic center, allocating money for a library needs assessment, improving San Pablo Avenue aesthetics, implementing a city economic development strategy, and planning for development around the Del Norte BART station.

"When someone leaves, it presents a good opportunity to look at the position and job description and see whether it meets our current needs and either stay with it or look at perhaps amending it," said Oshinsky. "And we haven't started that yet."

In the meantime, Oshinsky has been filling other positions in the city's planning department.

Noel Ibalio joined the city as

Originally from San Francisco, Noel Ibalio earned a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from San Luis Obispo in 1987. He worked in El Cerrito as a planner for two years in the early 1990s.

a senior planner last week, and the city expects a new associate planner to join next month.

Originally from San Francisco, Ibalio earned a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from San Luis Obispo in 1987. He worked in El Cerrito as a planner for two years in the early 1990s.

After being laid off while the city was experiencing financial problems, he rose up the ranks as a planner in the Mendocino County city of Ukiah, as well as Millbrae and Oakland.

From 1999 to 2002, he worked with a telecommunications consulting firm that helped Sprint, Verizon Wireless and XM Radio process applications for their wireless antennas.

Following that, he spent nearly three years as an associate planner in Pittsburgh.

Now he's back in El Cerrito. While the city has changed since he was a planner 14 years ago, he said, the quiet neighborhoods of single-family homes generally haven't.

"There's a lot of small homes that are now being added onto," he said. "We're seeing a lot of those kind of planning applications."

With Ibalio on board and the associate planner position being filled, Oshinsky said the planning department will be better able to handle the approximately 1,200 permits the city processes a year.

"It will help us to address the City Council's goals in the community and help the public by processing plans in an efficient manner," he said.

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Concerts

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"I feel that there's a lot of political pressure being applied," said commissioner Carmen Gaddis. "And I personally don't like that taste in my mouth, and I'm not going to support this proposal."

Last year, state Senate majority leader Don Perata, D-Oakland, introduced legislation stating that local governments must allow fund-raising events for nonprofit groups in residential areas, though the law never got off the ground.

This year, the county's planning department, working with county Supervisor John Gioia, has drafted proposals that would allow Scher to hold the concerts and affect all of unincorporated Contra Costa County.

Planning commissioner Richard Clark said he believed the ordinance was attempting to balance the objections of Kensington neighbors — which he said were well-founded — with Scher's right to hold his events. But he would have preferred

seeing an ordinance that reflected Kensington residents' recommendations and applied only to that area.

"With a slight distaste," Clark said, "I will be in support of any motion to recommend this to the Board of Supervisors."

The Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to take up the issue at a meeting at 1:15 p.m. on Aug. 9, said Terrance Cheung, Gioia's chief of staff. Meetings are held at 651 Pine St., Room 107 in Martinez.

Residents say that for about five years, Scher has held about four fund-raising events a year for non-profit or political causes in his 250-seat backyard amphitheater.

The county has fined Scher a total of \$800 for not obtaining a county land-use permit for three events he held last year. Obtaining a land-use permit is an expensive and time-consuming process, Gioia said. And once granted, the permit is also permanent.

The proposed law, on the other hand, would allow the county to grant temporary events for up to three events a year. Gioia said that number may be reduced to one before the board considers the ordinance.

If approved by the supervisors, the ordinance would require Scher to apply for a new kind of permit 45 days before an event. The county would notify

property owners within

of the site to solicit comments. The county zoning administrator could then deny a permit based on whether the events would substantially affect or neighbors' properties. Residents could appeal the decision within 10 days to the direct county's community development department.

The permit would set noise levels to 60 decibels. Following the meeting, pointed out that several Road residents had letters in support of the ordinance.

"I respect that the neighbors who may be concerned about noise control impacts," "Some of those issues will be properly handled during the permitting process."

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Woolsey

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As if that weren't enough, he is also one of the world's best backgammon players, author of "Understanding Backgammon," "New Ideas in Backgammon," and "How to Play Tournament Backgammon," and editor of "GammonOnline," an online magazine for backgammon players.

Woolsey was taught the rules of bridge at age 9 by his parents but had no other formal training. He graduated from high school at 15, and went on to get a bachelor's degree from Oberlin and master's degree from Illinois — both in math.

He worked as a computer programmer for a couple of years until it dawned on him that he could use his math skills more profitably — as a professional gambler in Las Vegas.

His specialty was Blackjack. "All systems are basically the same," he says. "It's really just a matter of counting cards."

But not everyone with a counting system wins. He did.

"That's because he's not really a gambler; he's a probability expert," says his wife, Sally, whom he met in 1985 at — where else? — a bridge tournament. "Gamblers play with their emotions, but Kit could play in his sleep. To him, it's just a math problem."

His career as a professional gambler lasted seven lucrative years.

"Then I discovered there was more money to be made as an options trader," he says. "An options trader is really a legalized bookie."

He did so well in options, he was able to retire six years ago at age 55. He and Sally have been devoting their time to bridge ever since.

They're a study in contrasts. He is soft-spoken and almost painfully shy. She is outgoing and ebullient.

(She's also a pretty fair bridge player in her own right — a

Golden Life Master with more than 7,000 points.)

She's his favorite partner and biggest fan.

"It's not fun for him unless he's solving a problem," she says. "I look at a hand and think of a straightforward approach. But Kit will look at that same hand and think, 'What if the trumps don't split?' or 'What if the finesses are offside?' He solves every possible problem on every hand. Sometimes he'll wake up in the morning and talk about a hand he played a week ago."

Bridge traces its origins to the British game of whist, which was played as early as the 16th century. Historians disagree about why it's called bridge.

Some say the name comes from the Russian "britch," meaning announcer or herald. (Bridge players announce their bids.)

Others say it was named for the Galata Bridge in Istanbul, which British soldiers crossed during the Crimean War to reach a coffeehouse where they played cards.

In 1903 British civil servants in India developed the practice of bidding for the right to name the trump suit, and "auction bridge" was born.

In 1925 American multimillionaire Harold Vanderbilt changed the game again while sailing on his yacht. He suggested to his friends that only the tricks that are bid and made should count toward game, turning "auction bridge" into "contract bridge."

The game's popularity

boomed. In 1931 Eli Culbertson's books on bridge topped the best-seller lists. During World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower killed time while waiting to hear whether the D-Day invasion had succeeded by playing bridge. (His love for the game continued after he moved into the White House, where an invitation to one of his Saturday night bridge games was a coveted honor.)

In 1958 bridge expert Charles Goren appeared on the cover of Time, which dubbed him "the King of Aces" and proclaimed bridge "America's number one card game."

Today, there are millions of bridge players in the United States alone. Most play at home, but many play at more than 4,200 bridge clubs in this country and more than 1,000 tournaments every year.

And they're devoted to their game. A recent poll of bridge buffs commissioned by the ACBL asked whom they'd want to take with them if they were marooned on a desert island.

Nineteen percent said Tom Hanks, 15 percent said Betty Crocker, and 9 percent said Dr. Phil. But a whopping 44 percent said, "Three other people who play bridge."

But there's a wild card in the deck: Bridge is losing the younger generation to poker. That same poll found that 45 percent of Americans think bridge is "old-fashioned."

"Kit and I can go to a tournament these days and be the youngest ones there," says Sally,

who like Kit is 61.

"There was a time when college students 'majored' in bridge," says Jay Baum, CEO of the ACBL. "Now, when they're tired of poker, we want them to know there is a game that will fascinate them for life."

Unfortunately, that passion for the game can sometimes get out of hand.

"One time, my mother was thrown out of a tournament because her partner hit somebody over the head with a chair," said Sally.

Such behavior led the ACBL to implement a zero-tolerance code of behavior. Among the rules: no signals, no gloating, no whining, no bad language, and — above all — never, ever accuse somebody of cheating. (The proper procedure is to report your suspicions discreetly to the tournament director.)

Woolsey thinks the code was way overdue.

"The best players are intimidating by their good play," he says, "rather than their poor manners."

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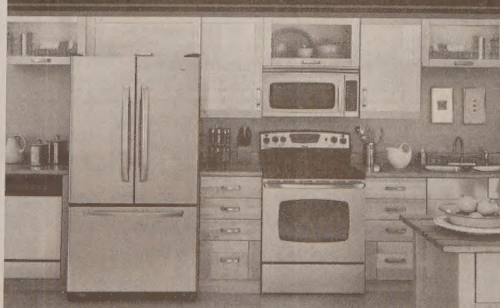
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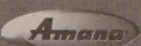
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Making a trio of sad houses happy

Do houses cry when they move out?

Number 492 in a series of true stories in real estate. For the last couple of months, I spent quite a lot of time fixing up and grooming several houses on the same lot in Napa. I've had to work on everything from the roof to the foundation. I've had to work on everything from the roof to the foundation. I've had to work on everything from the roof to the foundation.

Whether bought or sold, a house thinks it might live in her life but she never did. She died, my brother didn't keep the house so I took over and bought him out. I had general inspections on the houses, also furnace and water reports. Then Anet and I time looking carefully at the condition and attractiveness of each house. Long lists of items that I would fix. Which would it be to fix? For example, Were there scratches, holes? How could be fixed? Would sanding and staining be necessary, or maybe repainting? How do the vinyl floors should they be replaced?

Faucets. Do they leak? Finish look good? Are new ones needed or just washers and some polish? Walls and ceilings need paint? Hardware and locks — do they work? How does the basement look, and the garage? In fact, what are the visuals in every corner of the house?

There are so many parts! Inside of drawers and closets, windows, refrigerators, drains.

I feel like we've been inside various Home Depots and any number of hardware stores a hundred times lately. We bought light bulbs and smoke detectors, sink drain baskets and mailboxes. As the houses began to look better, inevitably, we saw other things needing attention.

For just about every part of every house, we considered the effect of cleaning, repair or replacement, plus the likely cost. In some cases we suspected that finding a replacement would be difficult or impossible.

An electric stove top in the Napa house, for example, was installed when the house was built in the 1960s. Gas would be preferable but could we find a cooktop — gas or electric — the same size today? What would be involved in changing to gas? What would be the cost and who would we get to do the work?

In Berkeley, our workers gave



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us bids. We made decisions, talked over an acceptable budget with our out-of-town sellers, and made up a schedule. In Napa, we went shopping, researched materials, and I tried to find good workmen. I looked at ads in the phone book and the local newspaper and made a lot of telephone calls.

Some never called back. But others did go to the house and estimated for me what the cost of a new garden deck would be, how much I'd have to pay for a garage door opener, the charge for mowing and edging the wide front lawn.

Anet and I needed to find various parts to be installed in the houses. Doormats, curtains and a screen door for Napa. A new kitchen sink the right size for Berkeley. Address numbers, furnace outlet vents and filters, and numerous light fixtures.

Light fixtures are hard. Many are

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Real Estate Spotlight:

The good life a la Provence



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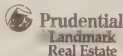
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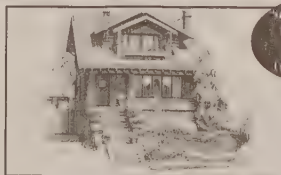
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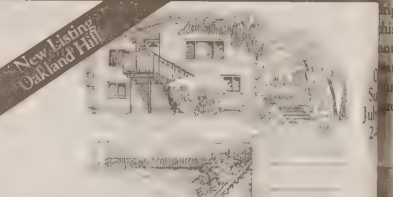
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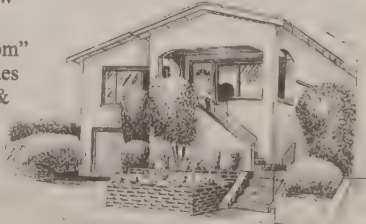
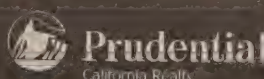


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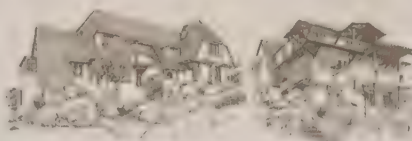
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Offered at \$849,000

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1007 Ashmount Avenue, Oakland

A rare opportunity to own a stunning Spanish Mediterranean home in upper Crocker Highlands. This setting offers uncommon privacy and captivating bay views. Arched doorways, beamed ceilings and original windows are just some of the architectural details that make this property so special. Light fills the three bedrooms, and professionally landscaped gardens extend to a level backyard, completing this gracious home.

Offered at \$1,150,000

For further information and photos go to www.1007ashmount.com

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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Excellent location, just off Piedmont Avenue with access to shops, restaurants and theaters. The home features two plus bedrooms and one and one half baths. The plus room could be a third bedroom or family room. The back garden is large and level with beautiful lawns. There are hardwood floors throughout, formal dining room and a living room with a fireplace. Garage with interior access. Offered at \$669,000



48 Gleneden Avenue, Oakland

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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Central Piedmont view home. Lovely family room with fireplace leading to an attractive loggia. Private level gardens. Rumpus room also. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. Two-car garage.

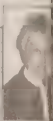


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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Built in 2002, this four bedroom and four bath contemporary home looks out into a wooded canyon preserve plus views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges. Cherry hardwood floors are on the main level including the stunning gourmet kitchen and open family room with a fireplace. The master suite is on a floor to itself with a large walk-in closet, shower, tub and dressing areas. A highlight of this home is that every bedroom has a view of the City, bridges and canyon. Offered at \$1,295,000



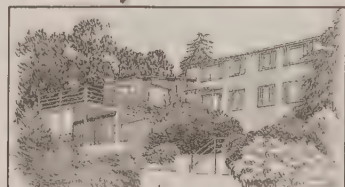
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Mid-20th Century View Home in Montclair!



6414 Estates Drive, Montclair
Open Saturday, July 16 1:00-3:30 pm
Open Sunday, July 17 1:00-4:30 pm

Imagine living in this spacious, light-filled, two-story home, located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 3+ bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwood floors, front deck and rear patios. Combined living-dining area with cathedral ceiling is perfect for entertaining or relaxing. Brick and slate-tiled patios grace the plant-filled back yard. Enjoy both City and Bay views from the house and rear yard.

Offered at \$1,299,000



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New Listing! Open Sunday, July 17th, 2-4:30pm

Best Crocker Highlands Location!



Elegantly restored and updated Spanish Mediterranean private setting. French dining living room open to delightful yard featuring beautiful stone walls, formal dining with arched windows, a kitchen with Wolf range, bedrooms, 1.5 updated bathroom, and sunroom.

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32 Cathy Lane, Oakland

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New Listing



1104, 1106 Keith, Berkeley

Grand home designed by John Hudson Thomas in plus smaller house on two parcels sharing a Japanese garden as a family compound. Panoramic bay views.

Offered at \$4,000,000

Tarpoff

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ly and even so, expensive. We and a few we thought would do e at Home Depot and Ace rdware. We bought a lovely old stonew brass fixture from a ind, men had it rewired. We rchased all the pieces needed two other hanging fixtures and r trusty contractor assembled d hung them.

I feel like we've been inside ous Home Depots and any mber of hardware stores a hund- times lately. We bought light bs and smoke detectors, sink in baskets and mailboxes. As houses began to look better, vitality, we saw other things ading attention. The Berkeley garage we'd and the original glass and ad doors for the fireplace built. They could be rehung but the ht hinges would be needed, e newly laid carpet in the bed- m looks wonderful (heaven ews how many hours we spent for deciding on that particular rati) but the doors won't swing er it. We didn't think of that, n't know why, and now we ed someone to plane the ors down.

In Napa, the shower door han- was missing. One place I ed said it was a \$3 piece if ly I could find one. Tried a mber of places without luck, so ed up having a new door and me installed - \$350.

The edge of the mirror in a th was discolored. The painter k it down and found a recess ew a medicine cabinet had ce been.

We measured and noted and nt on a hunt for a medicine inet that would fit. We anched a zillion stores, or so it med, for a cabinet with the di- nsions we needed, and finally discover that it exists. Unfortu- nately, the store was out of stock d not sure when to expect new. So we went to Ikea where they d good looking flush-mounted rors and bought one. It wasn't d we unwrapped the mirror, icipating how quickly we could g it and get that room fin-

Three houses are oking so much better an when we first saw en. They're light and ean, and they feel ed, but we're still ing care of a few st things such as cent leaks.

ed, that we discovered on the k the slots for hanging. Do know the kind?

The slots are parallel elon- ed holes, a screw needed for and both screws must go re wall precisely the right ce from one another, stick- out just far enough, and of e be level or it will list to one

a maddening job, and it hile, but Anet did it. She e screws into the wall, then ed them with her hammer un- e spacing worked and the or was secure.

ur Berkeley workmen are ter- and I was lucky to find some good people in Napa, too, d painter and good garage guy, excellent work, fair e. The window washer of- to wash all the window ns too. And the lawn man fine job.

de for a redwood deck, and for a concrete patio when I ouldn't believe how expen- disk would be, ranged ously. \$2500 was the low crete but one man wanted . That last was even higher edwood.

Three houses are looking so better than when we first m. They're light and and they feel good, but still taking care of a few last s such as recent leaks. et says that almost every t "cries" when the people out. Some pipe or faucet or suddenly begins to drips

Napa, both bathroom e leaked and were replaced. eley, we'd already had a of leaks fixed and thought as the end of it, but on the day the bath sink drain in use began dripping plus et started running.

et hopes that the flapper ight will fit, and if it does, n get it to work. Or do we e call someone?

Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are al real estate agents who reached at 653-2050 and tarpoffandtalbert.com.

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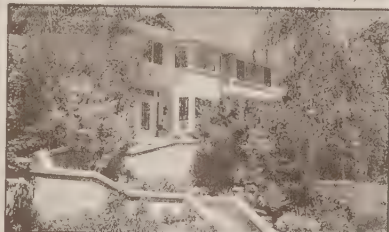
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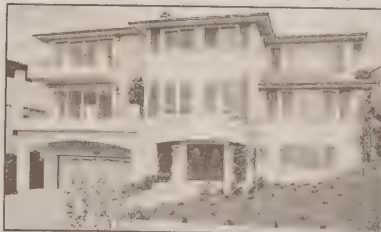


Orinda Downs

Elegant 5000+/- sf home in Orinda Downs. Beautifully designed with a renovated gourmet kitchen and luxurious master bath. Panoramic views from almost every room. Lovely decks/patios.

OAKLAND

\$2,099,000

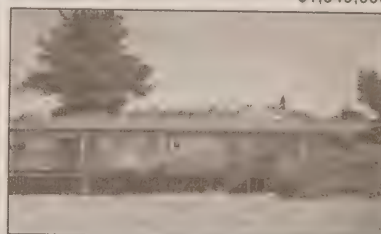


Spectacular San Francisco Views

Beautiful upscale traditional 5+bd/4ba Upper Rockridge home with great views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate and Bay. Spacious rooms include LR, kitchen/FR, den, and master suite.

OAKLAND

\$1,349,000



New Listing

Breathtaking Bay and hill views from this custom estate-style 4+bd/3.5ba home on 2.35+/- acres. Spacious single-level living and abundant level outdoor areas.

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\$1,279,000



Spectacular Custom Home

Custom home on 0.65+/- ac, rebuilt in 2000, surrounded by panoramic views. Home offers 2882+/- sf including 4bd/3ba, vaulted cathedral ceilings, gourmet kitchen and large LR and laundry.

WALNUT CREEK

\$610,000



New Listing

Located in fabulous award-winning Iron Horse Lofts near BART. This unit features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, three-levels and is immaculate and bright throughout. Fabulous find.

EL CERRITO

\$589,000

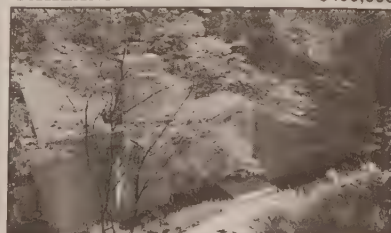


Charming and Sunny

Unique 3bd/1ba, 1310+/- sf home with sidewalks, near downtown El Cerrito and BART. Features include: hardwood floors, vintage tile and fixtures, fireplace, garage and large yard.

OAKLAND

\$495,000



Montclair Fixer

Charming traditional 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with room downstairs for expansion. Beamed ceilings, brick fireplace, dining area. Newer roof, but deck work needed.

SAN FRANCISCO

\$349,000



Bright South Beach Studio

Clean studio condo located in Bay Crest Towers. Close to bridge, shopping, and ballpark. Assigned parking, in-unit laundry, pool and fitness center. Over 425+/- sf of living space.

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GLENVIEW NEW LISTING!



4053 EVERETT
Bungalow!

Located in the popular Glenview district this charming home is located close to restaurants, transportation and school. This cute two bedroom and 2 bath home is a nice place to start your home search! An extra room is perfect for home office or den. There's a large kitchen, laundry room, off street parking plus and a detached garage. You'll love this home!

Offered at \$599,000

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1:00-5:00 pm

NEW LISTING



377 Palm Ave. # 307
This darling condo in the Adams Point area of Oakland is minutes from Lake Merritt and Lakeshore shopping. It has been redone with lovely built-ins in the dining area. Newer appliances, hardwood flooring in the entry and the kitchen. There is a lengthy breakfast bar for informal dining and an inviting deck for outdoor living. A must see!

Offered at \$329,000

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4548 Toyon Place, Oakland ~ Offered at \$585,000
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510-339-4700

3+2 Victorian in great East-End location! One block to Park St. shopping & restaurants. Gorgeous period details throughout ~ high ceilings, fir floors, plaster ceiling medallions, decorative fireplace.

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY JULY 17TH, 2:00-4:30 ~ \$799,000

OPEN SUN. 2-4:30




458 63rd Street, Rockridge
This wonderful storybook charmer has a new kitchen and fresh paint. A 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining w/a great floor plan. Large level, private english garden w/ perfect for outdoor entertaining. CUTE! This is a 10.

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6171 Ruthland, Oakland
Sharp contemporary, 4+BR, 3BA, spacious & light, indoor/outdoor living from family rm & kitchen serene setting on large parcel.

Offered at \$1,649,000

Joan Duffield
51-339-4714

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Rockridge NEW LISTING



432 FLORENCE AVE.
Traditional

Special traditional home with great details. Enjoy a distant view from the presence of a large fireplace crowning the room. Interior is freshly painted to allow the new owners a pleasing feeling of being in a new home to enjoy this great space. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, laundry/hobby room and wonderful space for entertaining. The tranquility of a fenced yard and an arbor designed to provide you with outdoor enjoyment are yours for those inner moments.

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Estudillo Estates
Charming Mediterranean 3+bedroom, 2 bath with creekside setting in San Leandro's Estudillo Estates. Hardwood floors, FPL in Living room, Breakfast room, FDR, newer roof, double-paned windows w/ custom coverings. Lovingly upgraded with attention to period detail.

\$789,000

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Price upon request!

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Open House Sun 2-4:30



5763 Florence Terrace, Montclair

Convenient to Montclair Village, features of this light and airy home include a remodeled kitchen and 2 master suites. Spacious 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms on a large lot with privacy and lovely views.

Offered at \$749,000
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613 Via Rialto, Oakland Hills

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Offered at \$725,000



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HERCULES
1099 South Shelter
5 BR 3 BA Kit-fam rm combo, laundry rm, frplcs, french drs, storage, landscaped yds, bay views.
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ROCKRIDGE
432 Florence Ave.
3 BR 2 BA Fantastic traditional. Partial views wood flrs, garage, yard & more.
James Brown
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MONTECLAIR
5763 Florence Terrace
4 BR 3 BA Remodeled kit, bamboo floors, granite countertops and cherry cabinets. 2 master suites.
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MILLSMONT
3940 Archmont
3 BR 1 BA 2 story hm w/ loft, 1BD 1BA, 2 frplcs, dck, beamed ceilings, mldl kitch, spacious yd.
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BERKELEY
1242 Talbot Ave.
3 BR 2 BA Duplex near Monterey Mkt-may easily be combined for 3 bd home. FPs, yard, garage, light.
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GRAND LAKE/ ROSE GARDEN
320 Elwood
2 BR 1 BA Traditional in great location. Awaiting some renewal. Hrdwd flrs, lg bkyrd, & basement.
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ROCKRIDGE
5721 Hermann Street
3 BR 2 BA Fabulous craftsman home w/ duplex on lot. Upgrades, wonderful built-ins & landscaping.
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MONTECLAIR
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3 BR 3 BA Revel in style in this contempo with city-lights view. Family room.
David Eckert
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OAKLAND
196 Orange St, Triplex
New listing! Hi-tech, elegant renovation! Mod kitch- gas stove. cent heat. Off st pkg.
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BERKELEY
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4 BR 2 BA Totally remodeled. 2 story. Bay view. Kitch w/granite counters, maple cabinets. Hdw flrs.
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BERKELEY
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GLENVIEW
4053 Everett
2 BR 2 BA Charmer! Hdw & carpet, frplc, lg kit, o/d/en, lg master bdr & detached garage.
James Brown
510.339.4700

JACK LONDON SQUARE
201 4th St. #41
2 BR 2 BA Bright SE/SW corner unit condo/loft. Kitchen-granite cts,SS appliances: MBA has coaster tub.
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BERKELEY
1505 Cornell Ave.
2+BR 2 BA Darling Home! Frt. porch. Hrdwd flrs, sun rm, big kit, frpl, pvt yrd w/ fruit, grg, nw pnt
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GLENVIEW
1046 Elbert St.
2 BR 1 BA Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, fresh paint. Patio/deck in backyard.
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510.339.4700

RICHMOND
4256 Fran Way
4 BR 2 BA Complete remodel. Big lvg rm, HDWD flrs, FDR & family room. Big yard. Great neighborhood.
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1036 Regata Pt.
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4 BR 3 BA New List. High Ceiling LR/Fam Rm. HWF 2 FP Eat-in Kit. Laun. Close to shopping.
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ALAMEDA
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GLENVIEW
4661 Park Blvd.
3 BR 1.5 BA 2-story, trad. flr pln, elegant FP in LR, DR w/ French doors. Garage w/ wk space.
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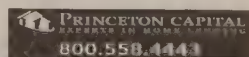
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3 BR 2 BA Sweet and Charming w/HDWD FLRS, L/R w/FP, GRDNS, near Fat Apples, EC Plaza & BART.
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Michael Powers
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OAKLAND
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Careful staging a real help when selling

BY LORE CROGHAN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Debbie Goodstein moved out of her 18th Street New York City apartment while it was up for sale, and the partly furnished rooms she left behind weren't particularly welcoming. But when she had it overhauled by a stager — the real estate equivalent of a makeup artist — she sold the \$3.5 million flat in no time flat.

"The staging made a huge difference," Goodstein said. "When I saw how good it looked, I wanted to move back in." Staging, or re-decorating homes for sale, has been common practice on the West Coast for 30 years. But it's just catching on in a big way in New York City.

Growing numbers of city real estate brokers are convinced that even in a hot market like this one, clients won't get top dollar unless houses and apartments look attractive and that the most efficient way to fix them up is to hire a professional.

"I'm not a decorator—I'm a marketer," said Nairn Friemann, the founding president of the local chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals.

Home-sellers are mistaken if they think people will want to buy their property because they'll imagine its potential, Friemann said.

"The average person will make a judgment based solely on what they see," she explained. "They can't visualize beyond that."

Most staging jobs cost just a few thousand dollars. In the city, stagers

charge \$300 on average for a consultation, and, like the flamboyant redecorators on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," produce an action plan for every room.

After the rooms are painted and cleaned, the stager goes to work, charging an average \$1,000 per day for herself plus an assistant. They rearrange the furniture, re-hang the art, place new accessories and do floral arrangements.

Stagers charge \$85 per hour for other tasks, like supervising painters or moving men — who are often called in to cart away whatever part of the seller's possessions that could hurt in a sale.

Unless you're in the design business, it's more effective to hire a professional than stage your home yourself, the experts contend. "It's important to bring in an objective eye," said Susu Erca, who staged Goodstein's 18th St. apartment. They agreed to share some of their secrets:

- Eliminate clutter. Dispose of junk, send excess furniture to storage. And clean those closets.

"Your closets shouldn't look like

a sitcom, like a joke waiting to happen," Erca said.

- Put away personal photos and controversial art collections. Things that are too personal distract home-shoppers from paying attention to the property, Friemann said.

- Stay away from strong colors like salmon and lime green, which could unappealing. Go for creamy yellow and white — they make the place look light and bright.

In bathrooms, consider shades of aqua and blue from the sea and sky and add white accents to create a "spa" effect.

- Add more light with table lamps. Put silver and crystal bowls next to them, to reflect the light. Be sure the broker turns on all the lamps before showing the place.

A look around the real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

FOR THE PUBLIC

Prices Up

A recent report from the California Association of Realtors stated the median price of a home is up 12.8 percent, while sales are down 2.1 percent. The decrease in sales is not surprising considering a low inventory of homes for sale. If you are ready to enter this seller's market contact a local Realtor. Call your area association of Realtors or visit www.Realtor.com.

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Free Classes

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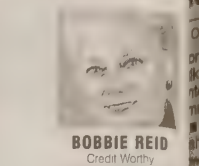
Unusual Seminar. This is "Not Your Ordinary First Time Home Buyer Seminar." Kathy Bell-Mathy and Jean Powers of Harbor Bay Realty present the class. They promise a fun, informative session as their version of a first time home-buyer seminar. Ask about the next date or request a personal consultation via e-mail to jean@jeanpowers.com or by calling 510-865-3095.

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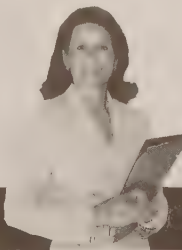
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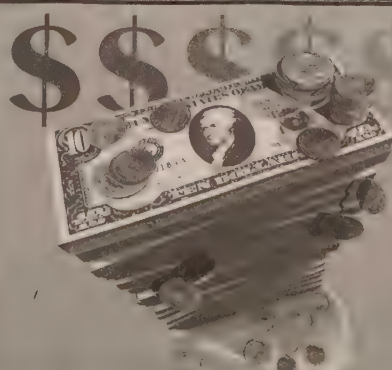
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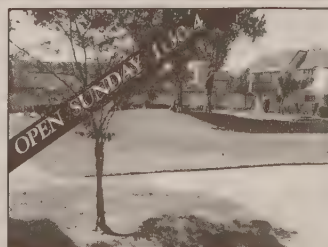
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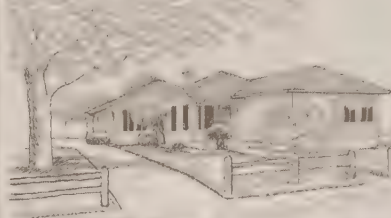
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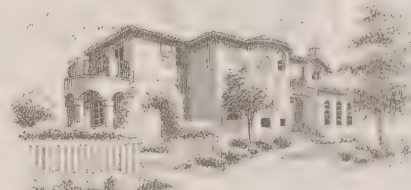
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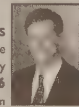
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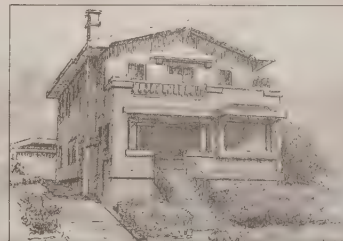
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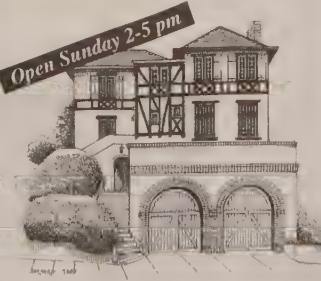
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Now that things have normalized, we still need to monitor the frequency of the moisture. Our weather does fluctuate from week to week. This can be problem, as gardeners like to water the same week in and out.

Q. Our peach tree bears a lot of fruit, however, before they ripen some falls off. Why does this occur and what do we do to prevent it?

A. There is a certain amount of fruit drop that is customary with apricots, apples, pears, peaches, nectarines and plums. It's called the "June Drop." This is nature's way of balancing the fruit load on the tree.

It's important to supplement this by doing some additional hand thinning. With apples and pears, you need to thin the fruit clusters down to two or three fruits. Also, I'd completely remove those clusters on the outward third of the branches to prevent the limbs from breaking.

Peaches, nectarines, plums, and apricots are thinned leaving enough space between them for each fruit to develop without touching. The space should be equal to three to four times the size of the mature fruit. Also you can have fruit maturing on both sides of a branch. Fruit tree thinning is important to prevent limb breakage, improves the fruit size and quality of the fruit.

Q. Is there anything out there I can use to eradicate Bermuda grass and oxalis in my bluegrass-fescue lawn?

A. Turf ester will selectively kill Bermuda grass in cool season grasses, bluegrass, ryegrass and fescue. With Bermuda grass, make three applications three weeks apart. Also the temperature at the time of each application needs to be less than 85 degrees. Turf ester controls the actively growing oxalis and Bermuda grass and is available at your favorite garden center. With oxalis, you also need to control the dormant seed. Apply Scott's Super Turf Builder with Halts each January to kill the seed.

Q. I've been told that all the seedy material inside a fig is really hundreds of miniature flowers. The fruit is nothing more than a protective incubator for the seeds. Is there any truth to this or is it a myth?

A. This is not a myth but a fact. Wasps about two millimeters long pollinate all figs. These wasps can only reproduce inside a fig. Honey bees pollinate all other fruit trees. The edible fig is actually not a fruit but a fleshy hollow ball called a syconium that contains lots of tiny flowers.

These flowers never see the light of day. Actually, there are three different types of fig flowers. However, they aren't all necessarily found in a single syconium. All commercial fig trees are reproduced from vegetative parts.

Those started from seeds are unpredictable. Seeds are formed in the female flowers. To get into a fig, the female wasp has to squeeze through a single opening into a receptive syconium.

This opening is very tiny and guarded by ostiole scales. The wasp usually rips off her wings and often part of her antennae during the process. She is driven to do this by the unique aromas emitted by the fig.

Once inside, she looks for the flowers to pollinate. The pollinating wasp usually has an egg-injecting appendage on her behind called an ovipositor.

The wasp deposits her eggs into the female flower, which has a long, receptive style.

Shortly after fertilization, the ostiole scales close tightly entombing the females who have wriggled in. It also protects their eggs from ants and other predators. The fig and wasps mature together.

The male wasps emerge first. In some species, the males drill a tiny escape hole for the female wasp through the syconium wall. In others, the tiny ostiole hole reopens. The male wasps all die, they never leave the fig. But the fig doesn't completely ripen and fall from the tree until the female wasps emerge and leave.

Q. I have two tomato plants growing in large pots. They are doing very well. In fact you can almost watch them grow. But, 'm a bit concerned because they are very bushy. Should I strip some of the growth off or just let them continue on?

A. It is important for tomatoes to be bushy with lots of leaves. The foliage cover is a type of natural sun block protecting the ripening tomatoes from sunburn.

Sunburn is a tan to beige spot that forms on the fruit. But, you can have too much of a good thing. I'd selectively thin out the inside, secondary shoots that form where a leaf connects to a stem.

The center of the plant becomes very crowded and dense as the plant matures, especially when you're using a tomato cage. This will let in more light and increase the air circulation throughout the

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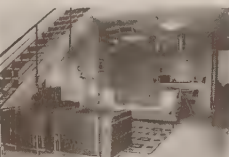
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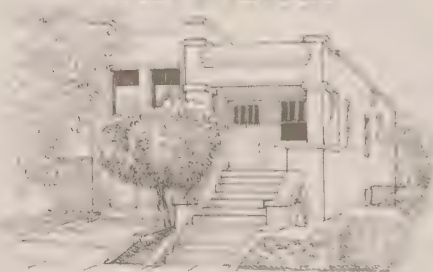
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Buzz

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plant keeping the inside foliage from turning brown.

Q. This will be my first attempt at planting strawberries. Is there a type of strawberry that doesn't produce runners? How would I go about planting strawberries in a strawberry pot/jar with side pockets?

A. There probably is a runner-

less variety of strawberry but I'm not sure it's widely available. I'd ask the nursery professional at your favorite garden center whether or not it's available in your area.

There are two general classes of strawberries, "Everbearers" and "June-bearers." The "Everbearers" produce fruit during the spring, summer, and fall while the "June-bearers" produce fruit only in late spring and early summer.

Also, the largest berries are pro-

duced by the "June-bearers." The first crop of berries of either type is always the largest. The size of the berry will decrease with age; however, pinching off the runners can help with berry size. Because of the decline, strawberry plants should be replaced every three to four years.

Strawberries grow equally well in a clay or ceramic Strawberry Jar with any type of commercial planting mix. They like a sunny location

with five to six hours of direct sunlight per day. The first step is to fill the jar with soil up to the first series of openings and insert the plants through the side pockets. The soil need not be level with the edges, as you need a depression for water. Next, you add more soil/plants and repeat the process up to within one half inch of the top of the container.

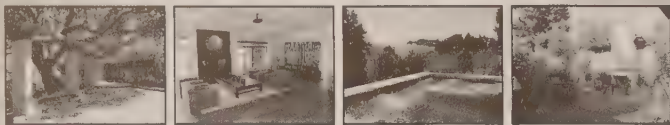
When planting strawberry plants be very careful not to bury the

crown of the plants. The crown is the fleshy area where the roots of the plant attach to its base. This needs to be at or just above the soil line. I'd water the plants with a Dramm soft rain nozzle or watering wand. The gentle stream of water doesn't splash soil all over the place. The Dr. Earth liquid plant food applied monthly will provide all the necessary nutrients. As a gardening project, planting a strawberry jar is simple with a high success level.

Buzz Bertolero is executive president of Navlet's Gardeners and a California Certified Professional. His Web site is www.dirtgardener.com. Questions by e-mail to den@aol.com or to 360 D St., D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

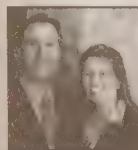
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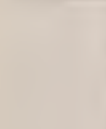
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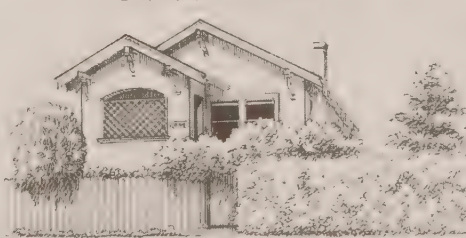


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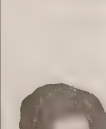
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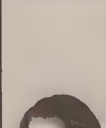
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2834 Russell Street Open 2-4:30



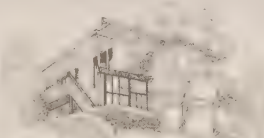
MORAGA \$989,000
3/2.5 - Classic ranch-style home. Spacious & bright, 2 fireplaces. Large lot, beautiful yard, all on one level! Potential for expansion
176 Shuey Drive Open 12-4



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77 Underhill Road Open 1:30-4



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816 Curtis Street Open 2-4



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2517 Piedmont Avenue Open 2-4



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320 Caldecott Lane #309 Open 1-4



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1222 Cornell Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$519,000
3/2 - Or 2 bedrooms with large dining room on deep lot. Grand living room, high ceilings. Could also be professional office.
6610 Shattuck Ave Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$469,000
3/1 - Bungalow in Glenview. New updated kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors, landscaped yard. Photos at www.KateandMark.com.
1727 MacArthur Boulevard Open 2-4



SAN LEANDRO - NEW! \$429,000
2/1 - Ideal starter home in lovely Broadmoor neighborhood. Pergo floors, custom colors, picture rail molding. Near shops & restaurants.
592 Lewis Avenue Open 1-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$459,000
2/1 - Charming 20's cottage plus detached studio. Cozy fireplace, Brazilian red oak floors, sunny garden. www.justsellmyhouse.com.
1036 Camelia Street Open 2-4



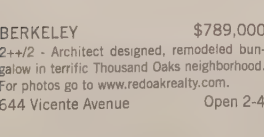
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2/1 - West Oakland bungalow and 1/1 in-law apartment. New paint, new roof, new electrical service, attached garage, garden.
1048 55th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$399,000
2/1 - Bright, contemporary condo in 9-unit complex. Updated kitchen & bath, bamboo floors, private patio garden, parking, storage.
2922 Morgan Avenue Open 2-4



RICHMOND - NEW! \$495,000
3/2 - Gorgeous inside! Spacious with a big beautiful garden, storage/tool/work shed. Tons of storage & much more.
845 Humboldt Street Open 2-4:30



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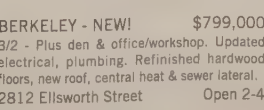
OAKLAND \$389,000
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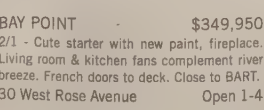
EL CERRITO \$547,000
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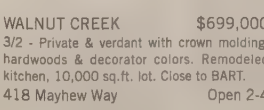
RICHMOND \$549,000
3/2 - Good floor plan, fireplace, remodeled kitchen with granite countertops and great tile work. Hardwood floors throughout! More!
1903 Tulare Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$799,000
3/2 - Plus den & office/workshop. Updated electrical, plumbing. Refinished hardwood floors, new roof, central heat & sewer lateral.
2812 Ellsworth Street Open 2-4



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418 Mayhew Way Open 2-4



[july 17th]

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Foreclosure scams steal thousands of homes

■ Crooks prey on
vulnerable borrowers

BY JANIS MARA
INMAN NEWS

Thousands of people across the country are losing their homes to scammers who prey on homeowners facing foreclosure, according to a new report from a consumer advocacy organization.

"Dreams Foreclosed," a June report from the National Consumer Law Center, says foreclosure "rescue" scams cause thousands of homeowners to lose their homes, under the guise of doing just the opposite.

"The scam artists pick up notices of mortgage default off the public record and then aggressively market themselves to desperate homeowners as their saviors," said Steve Tripoli, author of the NCLC's report. "But the reality is all too often quite different," and the homeowners end up losing their homes.

Tripoli estimated instances of this kind of fraud at around five figures in late 2004 and early 2005. "These are just the people who self-reported back to us after a single inquiry," he said. "We have reports from 20 states plus the District of Columbia, and that's without launching any kind of exhaustive examination."

There are three major types of foreclosure scams, according to the report. First is "phantom help," in which the "rescuer" charges outrageous fees for light-duty phone calls and paperwork the homeowner could have easily done himself or herself. The second is the "bailout" that never quite works.

This scenario includes various schemes under which the homeowner surrenders title to the house in the belief that he or she will remain as a renter and buy the house back over the next few years. But the bailout never happens, with the "rescuer" walking off with all or more of the home's equity, the report said.

In the third variety, the homeowner does not realize he or she is surrendering the ownership of the house in exchange for a "rescue," the report said.

Because mortgage default is listed on the public record, and people in default are in desperate straits, this makes them vulnerable to such fraud, Tripoli said.

"They (scammers) begin a torrent, sending flyers, letters and other solicitations to the distressed homeowner," Tripoli said. Desperate for help, the homeowner turns to the scammer, only to be taken advantage of.

The report identified scams in California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Victims of such scams are often in a bad position when trying to fight

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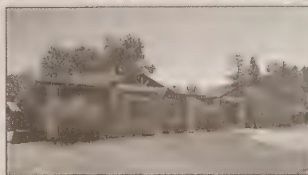
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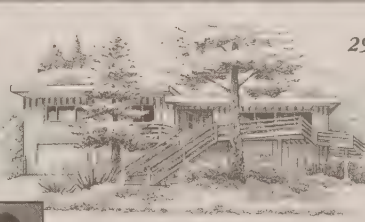
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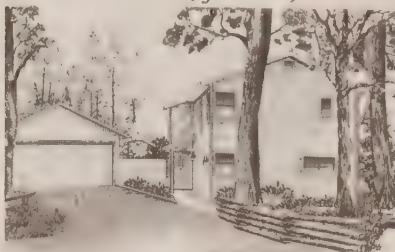


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Classic brown shingle home in central Piedmont. 4BR, 2BA & 2 half baths, formal living & dining rooms, family room, finished attic. Level fenced yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314

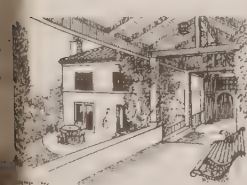


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Wonderful one-level home with view. 4+BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen, dining room, large living room with beamed ceilings and brick fireplace. Carla Buffington x1367

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MONTCLAIR
9050 BROADWAY TERR.
1998 custom Mediterranean home w/warmth, sophistication & style. 4+BR/3.5BA, views of SF & GG Bridge. Gourmet kitchen/family room, au-pair suite. Dee Knowland x1318



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PIEDMONT PINES
2624 CARISBROOK DR. (Open 2-5)
Charming 2+BR/1BA cottage set amidst flowering gardens and giant oak trees. Crown moldings, cathedral ceilings, fireplace & separate writer's studio. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

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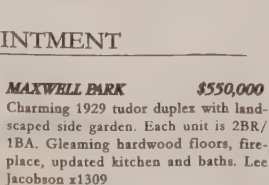
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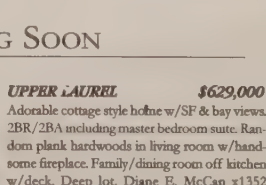
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New Listing! Dramatic & spacious 3BR/3BA home on beautiful site. Gourmet kitchen, lots of storage, workshop with full bath - potential in-law. Joan E. Hause x1358 & Dick Cohen x1308



GLENVIEW
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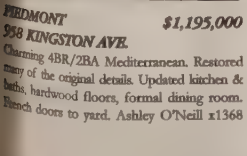


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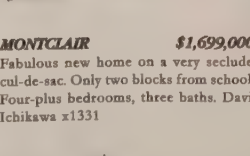


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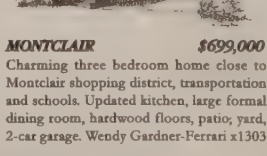
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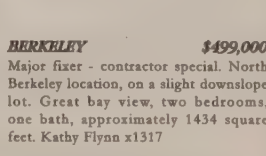
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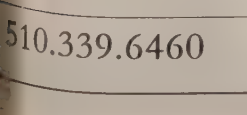


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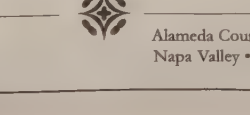


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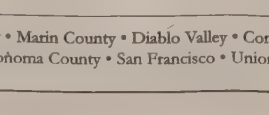
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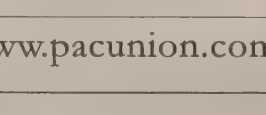
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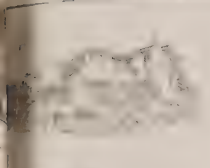


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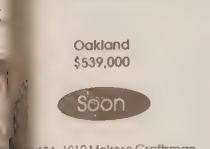
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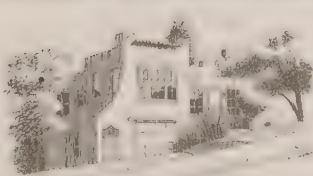
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Scam

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back, the report said. Few private attorneys have the knowledge and time needed to track down the perpetrators, and distressed homeowners often can't pay attorneys to handle their cases, the report said.

State enforcement agencies may not be able to help individual homeowners while the agencies process complaints, and remedies available in state law for harmed consumers may be few or difficult to secure, the report said.

For these reasons, the report recommends that states either ban such activity or regulate it. The report also includes tips for homeowners to help identify scammers.

"This has been going on as long as we've had properties," said Arthur Prieston, principal of the Prieston Group, which helps lenders protect themselves against mortgage fraud. "They (foreclosure scammers) come in and say they will help cure it."

Prieston said consumers should work with lenders and loan servicers directly to solve mortgage default problems. "They need to work with their lenders and servicers. We are more than happy to work out new financing packages, loan forbearance and other mitigation techniques," Prieston said.



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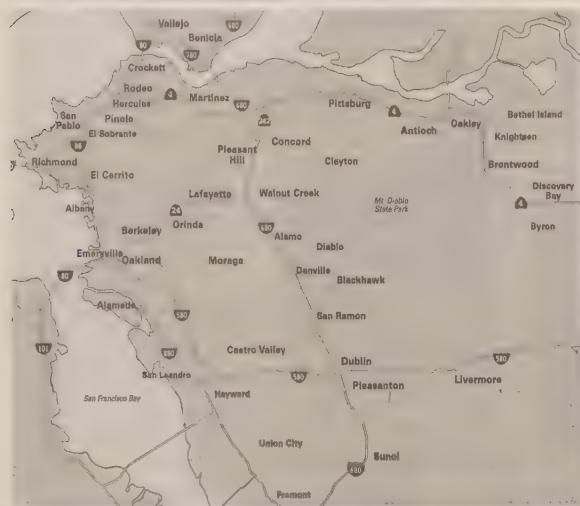
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\$399,950	2000 Central Ave. Unit L	2 BD/1 BA	Alameda Realty
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\$439,000	1601 Broadway #3	3BD/2.5 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4819	Nancy & Chuck Bianchi
\$479,500	339 Broadway Ave. #217	2 BD/2 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$485,000	2515 Central Ave #203K	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	415-710-8855	Reality World Concept	Frank Wong
\$495,000	162 Centre Ct.	1 BD/1 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4777	Darlene Hessler
\$499,000	3214 Fir Avenue	2 BD/1.5 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Is.	510-814-4874	Mark Playsted
\$539,000	1381 Fernside Blvd	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 1:30-4
Sun 2-4	Windermere Properties	925-469-5000	Peter Fletcher
\$549,000	1001 Shoreline Dr. #307	2 BD/2 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$565,000	1237 Broadway	2 BD/1 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$569,000	1625 Wood St.	2BD/1 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$569,000	1626 Morton St.	2BD/1 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$580,000	1235 Broadway	2 Units	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4714/814-4839	Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas
\$585,000	387 Anchor Way	3 BD/2.5 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$839,000	1104 San Antonio Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	Alameda Realty
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\$849,500	931 Magnolia Drive	3 BD/3 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$850,000	3260 Central Avenue	3 BD/2 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$859,000	1417 St. Charles	2 Units	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$869,000	1312 San Antonio Ave.	3++BD/2 BA	Alameda Realty
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\$898,500	633 Rock Isle	3 BD/2 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4817	Tim Marr
\$925,000	129 Basinside Way	4 BD/2.5 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$949,000	2811 Windsor Dr.	3 BD/2.5 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
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\$949,000	42 Applegate Way	4 BD/3 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4848	Ringo Liu
\$969,000	14 Wellfleet	4++BD/3 BA	Harbor Bay Realty
Sat/Sun 2-4	Kane & Associates	510-749-4804 / 522-1111	Debbie Jacobs / Lynn Smith
\$979,000	621 Waterview Isle	3 BD/3 BA	Open Sun 1-4
Sun 1-4	South shore	707-363-9395	Chuck
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Sun 1-4	South shore	707-363-9395	Chuck

Albany			
\$434,900	535 Jackson St. Unit B	2bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2013	Todd Andrew
\$765,000	1131 Portland Ave.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4
Sun 1-4	North Beach Properties	415-986-6312	Rick Durazzo
\$425,000	417 Evelyn #204	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Security Pacific	510-501-2510	Phyllis Bettencourt
\$585,000	816 Curtis St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2116	Feri Niroomand
\$675,000	1082 Tevlin	2+bd/2.5ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Terrace Park	510-524-8508	Jeans Realty
\$899,000	796 Hillside Ave.	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 1:30-4
Sun 1:30-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2145	Virginia Jones

Bay Point			
\$649,000	1317 Santa Fe Avenue	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Lori Lombardo
\$349,950	30 West Rose	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 1-4
Sun 1-4	NEW	925-325-2964	Marian Alden

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\$1,250,000	496 Spruce St.	5bd/3ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	No. Berkeley	510-527-7844	Northbrae Properties
\$1,900,000	10 Arden Road	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	B. McRae / P. Templeton
\$5,000,000	1010 Cragmont Avenue	11BD/9BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Bebe McRae
\$495,000	1908 8th Street	2bd/1.5ba	Open Sat & Sun 2-5
Sat & Sun 2-5	Prudential	510-868-1400	Jake
\$550,000	1605 8th St.	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-5
Sun 1-5	Assist-2-Sell	510-336-9999	Agent
\$585,000	1635 Scenic Avenue #6	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Tricia Guff

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\$595,000	35 Tamalpais Road	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Karthiga Anandan
\$627,000	49 Canyon Road	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Susie Schevill
\$695,000	1234 Campus Drive	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Nacio Brown
\$725,000	1526 Fairview	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-5
Sun 1-5	Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700	Vicky Faulk
\$799,000	452 Boynton Avenue	4+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Ruth Frassetto
\$895,000	635 San Fernando Avenue	3BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-339-0400	Anne Van Dyke
\$945,000	2012 Marin Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133	Helene Barkin
\$949,000	2732 Prince Street	3+BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-5
Sun 2-5	Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	510-540-8743	Julie Nachtwey

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\$349,000	2112 McKinley #C	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Prudential	510-339-9290	Monica Forester
\$415,000	1791 Oxford St.	1bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	No. Berkeley	510-524-9888x13	Peter Dam
\$459,000	1036 Camella St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2144	Cindy Wilson
\$525,000	1208 Bancroft Way	2+bd/1ba	Open Sat & Sun 2-5
Sat & Sun 2-5	Prudential	510-868-1400	Wendy Kashiwa
\$575,000	1222 Cornell Ave	2++ba/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2179	Robin Gaskins
\$575,000	2924 Hillegass Ave.	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Elmwood	510-524-9888x35	Denise Milburn
\$635,000	769 Vincents Ave.	2+bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Keller Williams Oakland	510-851-5986	Joanne Madlung
\$650,000	1040 Keith	5+bd/3+ba	Open Sun 2-5
Sun 2-5	Hills	510-986-9556	Prudential
\$695,000	1727 Parker St.	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2:30-4:30
Sun 2:30-4:30	Better Homes Montclair	510-339-4000	Lila Owens
\$699,000	1047 Sierra St.	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	No. Brag	510-339-9290	Michael Stephens
\$749,000	1434 Edith St.	2bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	N. Berkeley	510-848-1950x240	Thornwall Properties
\$754,000	1534 Julia	5bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Better Homes Montclair	510-517-6223	Greta Sandford
\$784,000	69 Florida	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-5
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\$789,000	644 Vincente	2++bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2158	Jose Fernandez
\$799,000	1945-47 Francisco	DUPLEX	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Gourmet Ghetto	510-848-1950x238	Thornwall Properties
\$799,000	2300 Prince	DUPLEX	Open Sun 2-5
Sun 2-5	Prudential	510-428-0900	Scott Thompson
\$799,000	2812 Ellsworth St.	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-5
Sun 2-5	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2179	Francesco Papalia
\$819,000	1837 Prince St.	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	510-527-9111	Dee Plunkett
\$849,000	2517 Piedmont Ave.	Duplex	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-252-2023	Dana & Jon
\$879,000	1340 Josephine St.	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2104	Tom Come
\$895,000	2427 McKinley Ave.	6 Units	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2155	Josh Levine
\$1,050,000	2834 Russell St.	4bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Red Oak Realty	510-280-2148	Francesco Papalia

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\$1,950,000	69 Parnassus Rd.	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-339-0400	Karthiga Anandan
\$1,200,000	439 Spruce	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Berkley Hills	510-652-2133	Susie Schevill
\$1,200,000	956 Arlington Ave.	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills	510-652-2133	Nacio Brown
\$1,495,000	217 Gravatt Dr.	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Better Homes Montclair	510-339-4700	Vicky Faulk
\$1,697,000	2803 Forest Ave.	4+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Prudential	510-339-0400	Ruth Frassetto
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\$469,000	4217 Armand Dr.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 1-4
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\$539,000	5161 Concord Blvd.	3+BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 1-4
Sun 1-4	Marvin Gardens	510-540-8743	Julie Nachtwey
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Sun 1-4	Prudential California Realty	510-339-9290	Monica Forester
\$549,950	409 Norvell	1bd/1ba	Open Sun 1:30-4
Sun 1:30-4	Security Pacific R.E.	510-524-9888x35	Denise Milburn
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\$625,000	772 Pomona Ave	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-5
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\$575,000	652 Norvell St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	510-524-9888x35	Denise Milburn
\$588,000	2631 Tulare	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4
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\$610,000	2625 Brooks St	3bd/2ba	Open Sun 2-4:30
Sun 2-4:30	Northbrae Properties	510-339-9290	Michael Stephens
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\$579,000 426 27th St. 1028 2BD/1.5BA
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\$585,000 4548 Toyon Place 2BD/1BA
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Friedman took the long road back to the East Bay

The Berkeley High graduate comes to Cal after a two-year stint at Wisconsin

By Ryan Gorcey
CORRESPONDENT

It's only about two miles from Berkeley High School to Cal's Levine-Fricke Field. It's even shorter — about a ten-minute walk — from Michael Friedman's home on Panoramic Hill. But somewhere along the line, daughter Emily — a utility player for the Cal softball team — decided to take the long way. The 5,800-mile long way.

By now, most people who follow Cal softball of the Golden Bears' home-



Friedman

grown utility player. With no scholarship offer on the table from her hometown team, she took what she could and left to play at Wisconsin. After two seasons, Friedman transferred to Cal and played an integral part in the Golden Bears' success in this postseason.

Emily split time growing up between her mother Martha Claridge — herself a Cal graduate

(class of 1970) — and her father, who lived not a stone's throw away from Levine-Fricke. As a young second baseman, she attended Cal summer softball camps where she learned the game from coach Diane Ninemire.

"She always had a great love for the game," Ninemire said. "She was always wanting to learn and always had a dream of putting on that Cal uniform."

Emily developed a relentless work ethic and entered into a nonstop, year-round athletic life.

But at 14, she tore an ACL and missed out on softball, volleyball, and soccer. Within a year, she came back and dominated at

all three.

"I didn't play on my high school softball team (at Berkeley High)," Friedman said. "I actually loved playing high school volleyball. We had a great volleyball team, but we weren't really known for softball."

Seeking more competition, Friedman spent her summers on club softball teams, namely the San Jose Strikers and the Stockton Runnin' Rebels.

It was Emily's involvement in club softball that provided the first opportunity for her parents to meet Ninemire during the recruitment process. At one of Emily's club tournaments in Colorado, they met for the first time

to discuss the possibility of Friedman going to Cal.

"Diane wanted her to come, but she didn't offer (Emily) a scholarship," Michael recalled. "Emily read it — probably correctly — as a sign that she might not start."

Instead of being heartbroken or feeling betrayed, Friedman just plugged along. She wanted to play and start. She could do that at Wisconsin.

"She was very delighted to go where she went," Claridge said. "She seemed to want to go away, and she was happy with that. I certainly didn't feel like (not getting a scholarship to Cal) was a crisis."

In her freshman season, both Friedman and the Badgers struggled. Wisconsin finished 19-23 and Emily hit .193. Despite her struggles, Friedman was named the team's Freshman of the Year.

"I grew up thinking I would go to Cal, but once I got to Wisconsin, it was amazing," Friedman said. "It felt like the right program for me at the time."

The next season, Friedman blossomed both on the field and in the classroom. She hit .315, smacked seven doubles, and knocked in 18 runs and was selected to the Big Ten All-Academic first team. Beyond that, she

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LITTLE LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Defense, pitching propel Albany

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Pitching and defense wins championships.

The Albany 11-year-old All-American baseball team proved that pitching and defense can win championships with an impressive 6-1 victory over Martinez in the 11-year-old championship game of the California District 4 International Tournament on Monday in Walnut Creek.

Albany's Jesse Santos pitched a three-hitter in the six-inning game and at one point retired 12 in a row. Albany's defense was superb the whole game, as it played errorless ball. Martinez had six errors in the game.

"We had several games that were errorless. The defense really came through," Albany manager Marvin Lamb said. "The pitching has been tremendous." Martinez took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when leadoff hitter Jordan Hill doubled and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Mike Miller. But Hill would be the Martinez batter to reach base until the sixth inning.

Meanwhile, Albany scored all of its runs in the second inning, as it sent 11 batters to the plate.

Daniel Supple led off the inning with a standup double to deep center field, and Paul Kennedy followed with a single to center to put two runners on base. After Garrett Freeberg walked to load the bases, Chris Knappster drove in a run with a two-out single and on the same play, Kennedy scored on an error for a lead that Albany would never relinquish.

Other key hits in the inning were back-to-back RBI singles by Nick Lamb and Luke Rose. Two other runs scored on errors, as Martinez committed five errors in the inning.

After Martinez did not have a runner in the second through fourth innings, and only one base runner in the fifth inning via a walk, it loaded the bases in the seventh inning on singles and a walk.

"I was nervous. I didn't know what was going to happen, and I knew Daniel got the ball and would go home," Santos said.

On a 3-2 pitch, Martinez's leadoff hit a grounder to short third baseman Supple, who fired the ball to catcher Knappster at home plate for the

run. Just didn't want to give up," Supple said.

Santos retired the next two to win the game.

Winning the district title, Albany advances to the Northern California Section 1 tournament, which starts on July 22.

On July 7, Albany defeated Martinez 6-4 to reach Monday's championship game. In that complete game, Albany's defense was superb and also drove in Albany's first run with an RBI single.

Albany had an RBI single in the third inning after Santos scored on a wild pitch. Nick Lamb also had an RBI single in the game. Conversely, Albany's infield was

errorless. For the past three seasons, the Little League All-Stars of the

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Tips from a pro

CLEVELAND CAVALIER player and former El Cerrito High School star Drew Gooden has been hosting a basketball camp for Bay Area boys and girls ages 9-15 this week at Merritt College in Oakland. It concludes today. All proceeds from the camp will go to charity.

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BASEBALL

■ **Lamorinda Baseball Club** - Try-outs for 12U tournament team July 26-Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m. at Burton Valley School, Lafayette. Players welcome from Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Players born in May-July of 1993 are eligible. Rick Rider, 925-260-4196, rider@orionpacific.com; Dave Rabin, 510-206-7686, mmmrabin@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.lamorindabaseball.org

■ **Oakland A's Summer Camp** - Baseball skills training camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25-29 for ages 8-13 at Caldecott Tunnel Field, Berkeley. Hosted by Dave Henderson and the Berkeley Lions, a nonprofit sponsor of the Oakland A's baseball camps. \$325; includes jersey, tickets and guest appearances. Benefits the Berkeley Lions. Mike Adney, 510-528-4756. Visit <http://henducamp.hometeamstead.com/page1.html>.

BASKETBALL

■ **Richmond PAL** - Sign-ups for 11th annual Jumpers R Us youth summer basketball camp, ages 6-16, Aug. 1-5, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond. NBA surprise guests and camp counselors will provide instruction in basketball fundamentals. \$100-\$150. 707-432-1467, jumper-srus20@aol.com

■ **East Bay Explosion** - Summer Phoenix Camp for girls grades 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 8-12 at Alameda Naval Air Station Gym in Alameda. \$185. Mark Anger, 209-380-5440; Sarah Burns 925-677-5364. Visit www.leaguelineup.com/ebx.

FOOTBALL

■ **Albany Bobcats** - Final registration for players and cheerleaders, ages 6-14, 10 a.m. July 24 at Cougar Field (behind Albany Middle School), 1259 Brighton Ave., Albany. Players and cheerleaders who have already pre-registered can come with their parents at 11 a.m. to complete payment and meet their coaches and teammates. 510-237-4464. Visit <http://www.albanyfootball.com>.

■ **Richmond Steelers** - Picnic and sign-ups for new and returning players for Fall season, ages 6-14, July

16 noon-6 p.m., Nichol Park (33rd and McDonald Ave.). \$40 registration fee. 510-222-3693. Visit www.leaguelineup.com/richmondsteelers.

GOLF

■ **Bay Regional** - Golf medal play tournament for championship (5.4 and under) and handicap (5.5 and over) flights takes place July 30, 31 and Aug. 6, 7. \$5,000 in prizes, 100 NCGA points to the winner. 510-848-7373 or visit www.tildenparkgolfclub.org.

SOCCER

■ **Contra Costa College** - Contra Costa College women's soccer team will host a girls soccer clinic 5:30-8 p.m. July 18-21 at the college fields, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Open to ages 7-14. \$65. Benefits the Contra Costa College women's soccer team. Call for registration form. Felicia Perez, 510-235-7800 ext. 4405 or fperez@contracosta.edu.

JOBS

■ **Berean Christian High School** - Coaching vacancies for: head boys varsity soccer, head girls JV volleyball, assistant JV football (line), head boys freshman basketball and two assistants, and varsity and JV base-

ball positions. Applicants must demonstrate Christian character. Craig Lee, 925-945-6464 ext. 25, coachlee@astound.net

■ **Laney College** - Looking for assistant baseball coach. Deadline for applications Aug. 15. Contact Francisco Zapata, 510-464-3476, laney-coaches@yahoo.com

■ **East Bay Football Officials** - The East Bay Football Officials Association is seeking candidates for the upcoming prep football season. No experience required. Sam Moriana, 510-521-4121, Kevin Reed, 510-235-5249

■ **Clayton Valley Eagles Baseball Club** - Qualified coaches sought for new 13U competitive tournament baseball team for fall 2005 season. Bob Banks, 925-672-0418, jr_eagles@hotmail.com. Visit www.eteamz.com/jr-eagles

■ **De Anza High School** - Looking for girls water polo head coach, junior varsity girls and boys volleyball head coaches, varsity girls basketball head coach, junior varsity boys and girls soccer head coaches, junior varsity softball head coach and assistant varsity softball coach. Mail, fax or e-mail letter of introduction, resume and

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Broncos go deep in tourney

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito Blue Broncos team won four of its six games at a PONY Bronco All-Star Sectional in Brentwood on July 5-12.

El Cerrito opened the tournament with a 10-3 win over Pittsburg. El Cerrito had a five-run first inning. Jack Pinto pitched four scoreless innings for El Cerrito, and teammate Devon Montgomery closed the game with a scoreless inning and two strikeouts. Second baseman Hayden Florez recorded six putouts in the game for El Cerrito.

Alexander Neuhaus, Jonas Specter, Brandon Agcaoli and Florez all had two hits in the game. Pinto and Agcaoli drove in two runs apiece.

El Cerrito then defeated Rodeo 17-3. Neuhaus allowed only one run and one hit in four innings pitched with seven strikeouts. El Cerrito again struck early with 10 runs in the first inning, including two RBI for Montgomery and Florez. Montgomery had three RBI in the game.

After falling to West Diablo Valley 7-3, El Cerrito shut out Rodeo 9-0. Ben Leonard, Montgomery and Neuhaus combined to allow only three hits and strike out 10 batters while walking just one. Leonard was also 3-for-4 with three RBI. Neuhaus was 2-for-3 with a walk and three runs scored, and Ryan Clough was 2-for-3 with two RBI for El Cerrito.

El Cerrito then defeated Orinda 7-2. Neuhaus struck out three batters in the second and third inning, and Montgomery allowed only one hit in three innings on the mound.

The tournament ended for El Cerrito with a 12-2 loss to eventual champion Moraga.

Alamo no match for El Cerrito

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito Youth Baseball won the San Anselmo Baseball Association 11-year-olds tournament with a convincing 13-4 pounding of Alamo's Blue team in the finals. The tournament was held from July 5 to July 10.

In the championship game, Henry Hodson, Desmond Epps, Nikko Edwards and Izzy Behrman all made impressive defensive plays. Pitcher Lucas Yavanovich also threw well in the game.

Edwards and Behrman also were dangerous power hitters in the tournament. Charlie Cacamato and Marcus Holloway also showed power at the plate. Timmy Brown hit a home run in El Cerrito's 14-10 victory over Danville on Friday.

Gabe Reynoso-Palley and Holloway were among the El Cerrito pitchers who did a fine job in the tournament.

El Cerrito opened the tournament with a 3-1 loss to Concord, then won six straight games. El Cerrito defeated San Anselmo 19-16, beat Danville 14-10 and stopped San Francisco 10-1 before winning a pair against Rohnert Park 7-4 and 11-5 to reach the championship game against Alamo.

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the charter boat El Dorado said the Berkeley salmon fleet continued to haul in big fish over the weekend. The morning action on Saturday seven miles south-east of the Farallon Islands was consistent with the salmon averaging 12-15 pounds, with many skippers reporting fish in the 25-pound range. On Sunday, the New El Dorado III moved to the north Farallon Islands and landed 66 salmon.

Jim Smith of the charter boat Happy Hooker has fished successfully along the Marin County coastline the past few days. On Sunday, the 39 anglers aboard caught 78 bass, 182 rock cod, 15 halibut and 11 ling cod and on Sunday, the boat had 42 bass, three ling cod, one white sea bass and a number of rock cod. On Tuesday, they had 14 limits of bass and a few rock cod. Rough conditions on Wednesday prevented Smith from finding much success.

James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn also had success along the Marin Coast. They caught 35 limits of bass and rockfish and 29 ling cod on Tuesday and 14 limits of bass and rock cod on Monday. On Sunday they netted 27 limits of bass, three halibut, three leopard sharks, four ling cod and 30 assorted rock fish.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said on the potluck trips out of Emeryville on Tuesday, three boats reported in with a total of 55 striped bass to 26 pounds and 11 halibut to 18 pounds for their combined 48 anglers aboard. Best action has been drifting live anchovies in the main bay.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle is reporting fair fishing again this week. The sturgeon are scattered as normal for this time of year, and the sturgeon

are showing up here and there. The sturgeon are being found in depths of 30-50 feet and the striped are running shallow in 10-20 feet. The wind is still persisting for the most part, but a few beat the odds and caught fish.

Catching sturgeon were Elias Ochoa of San Pablo (86 inches, 176 pounds — released) at Buoy 2 on grass shrimp, Brian Frazer of Martinez (first keeper — 58 inches, 53.5 pounds) on ghost shrimp at Buoy 2 and Scott Denny of Concord (71 1/2 inches, 105 pounds) in the Big Cut on grass shrimp. Brad Alvey of Martinez caught a 32-inch, 10-pound striped on the Martinez shoreline with grass shrimp. Several others were caught but not reported.

THE RIVERS

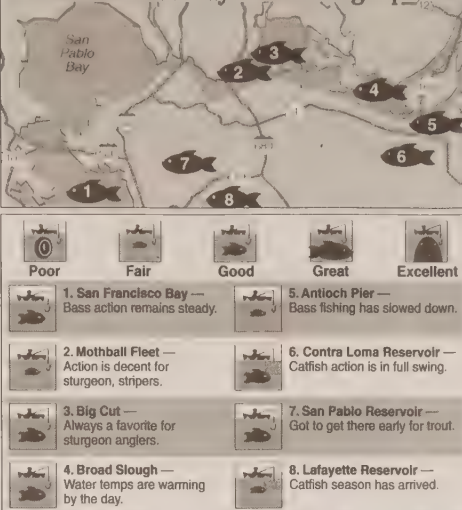
SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is fantastic with him and his clients catching many nice 2-6 pounders. They are using Pheasant tail Nos. 14-16 and Micro Mayfly Nymphs. Great bug hatch happening now, warm weather this week expected. Spin fishing good, using glo bugs and crickets.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE: Portocarrero said anglers are catching a few king salmon as low water flows have made fishing tougher. Fishing will improve as we get more water and flows get higher (it's up a bit from last week). They are using Flatfish lures and bouncing roe.

THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said catfish action has been good at Holland Tract, Orwood's Resort, Contra Loma Reservoir and Discovery Bay. Anglers are using mackerel and clams. One angler this week caught a 8-pounder at Holland Tract using mackerel. Stripper fishing has slowed down, but sturgeon can still be had at the Big

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Cut, Chain Island, Broad Slough and the Power Lines on grass and ghost shrimp. Perch, bluegill and crappie can be had at Orwood's and Discovery Bay on minicrawlers and waxworms.

John Hawkins of Lodi caught 15.5 pounds of catfish on mackerel at Contra Loma Reservoir and Steve Johnson of Antioch caught a 2.5-pound catfish on minicrawlers at the Antioch Free Launch. Luis Renteria caught a 56-inch, 50-pound sturgeon on grass shrimp at Broad Slough. Scott Sanders of Oakley came back from Half Moon Bay with a 15-pound and an 11-pound ling cod using live anchovies.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot reported that several trout have been caught early in the morning fishing from shore using Power Eggs. But overall, the trout fishing remains slow. Trolling for trout has also died down from last week as more and more anglers are fishing for catfish. As soon as the water starts cooling down, there will be more trout plants.

Bass action remains hot as more are being reported in the 2-3 pound range using crankbaits and plastic worms. Some of the hot spots are Alder Point, Bass Cove and Raccoon Point. Limits of catfish

are being caught throughout the day, but the best time to catch them is during the night. Anglers are using mackerel and chicken livers. Some of the hot spots are the first dock and Honker Bay.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said success in fishing from shore seems to be a matter of location. Most times it's a matter of five to 10 feet. Anglers should find a spot on the shoreline that looks relatively steep and cast into deeper water. Casting on a flat piece of land probably means casting into warmer, shallow water. Stick to the old favorites like the South Cove, Oak Point and the Rock Wall, and be sure to find the deep spots.

PowerBait in rainbow, green, orange and yellow (in that order) are the clear choices for baits. Boat anglers have had good luck bait fishing in deeper water along the shoreline across from the marina. Sitting about 40-50 feet off shore and dropping PowerBait has worked. Trolling dipped slightly but limits were still reported. Use a Sep's flasher and lure combo. A few stripers of inconsequential size were reported. Bass fishing may slowly be approaching boat only territory as the warmer water seems to be having adverse effects on the bass fishery. Droppshotting from the handicap pier or near the rock wall might be the best bet from shore. Try worms in green.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: The staff at Lake Del Valle said trout have moved to areas with access to deep water. All trout reports have pointed anglers north of the narrows with Yellow PowerBait the favorite.

The trolling bite has picked up a little, with some anglers reporting up to three fish per rod. Nightcrawlers with flashers have been producing the most fish. The bass have moved out.

During the middle of the day are in about 20 feet of water. Try locating structure, this depth, and targeting it with finesse bait, such as a dropshot. Catfish action has been great, anglers getting two fish per average. Chicken livers or anchovies are favored. They are located in shaded shallow water in about 20 feet of water.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said trout plants are continuing through the summer. Bait fishing for trout should be at the mouth of Scow Canyon. PowerBait, ideally in Rainbow with a nightcrawler.

When it's warm, be sure to go to the deeper, cooler waters. Fish just off points seems to be the most of the fish are hanging. Those trolling for trout should go deep. Use extra weight, downers, flashers and heavier, now floating lures and whatever you can find to get down in the 20 foot deep. Troll slow and watch the points to coves, the same way you would if you were fishing Scow Canyon is still giving up as is the buoy line near the cove.

Some nice bass were pulled this week, including an 8-pounder. The afternoons or early mornings are the best times. Aggressive presentations seem to work better but as the water warms up you might want to slow it down. Tackle back of Scow Canyon and in cover down near the launch is producing quality fish.

Cats will be the most willing to be caught in the afternoon hours. Let the early heat wear off and start in with anchovies, mackerel nightcrawlers. Use attractants in Main Rec. Area and the Tower area.

— Curtis Pashelka

ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
LAS VEGAS
JULY 9

12-under

Sting Blue 3, Half Moon Bay Waves 1: Dealt a lucky draw, Sting parlayed one win in Las Vegas into their first-ever trip to the ASA Western National Tournament. A solid performance, featuring strong pitching and defense, along with just enough offense, brought a victory and the automatic bid. Sting returned home with the Pacific Coast Regional co-championship trophy and the chance to play in Mt. Vernon, Wash., in August.

The game started auspiciously when the well-coached Sting defense

turned a sacrifice bunt into a rally-killing double play. After the Waves' leadoff batter opened the game with a single, third baseman Meagan Tokunaga began the perfectly-executed rotation, charging the sacrifice and throwing to second baseman Krista Smithers at first. Smithers, in turn, relayed across the diamond to catcher Maddie Cousins alertly covering third, to stymie the Waves' aggressive play and eliminate their chance for a big inning.

Solid defense continued to rule the day as the infield, including shortstop Diana Fong, first baseman Sara Muse and Lisie Dohrer, and pitcher Kelsey Murakami, combined to make 17 of the 21 outs in the seven-inning game. Murakami also struck out four and gave up only four hits. The winning

rally in the third began with a Murakami single to left, followed by an infield play by Fong. Kelsey Fredrickson then shot a ball through the second baseman's legs, scoring Murakami. With two outs and the runners going, Smithers provided the game-winning hit with a clean single to right, scoring both baserunners. Outfielders Corey Chin, Marisa Budlong, and Sabina Khan also contributed two hits.

TWIN CREEKS TOURNAMENT
SUNNYVALE
JULY 8-9

14-under

Elizabeth Tulskey enjoyed stellar pitching performances, striking out 11 players over two games. Katie McDonald snagged multiple grounders

at shortstop and fired to bases for putouts. Liah Hubbard steadily made putouts at first base (in the first game) and second base (other games). Adriana Stevens performed admirably in the outfield but really shone as pitcher in the third game, striking out two batters. Hanna Veeniga played a solid first base. Catcher Johanna Heyer threw runners out on the bases at second and third. Offensively Heyer stood out with a single and a triple, and multiple steals and a score. McDonald had a single, then stole both second and third. Hubbard stole bases and drove a run home in the first game. Abby Ridley-Kerr stole more than one base. Kate Aldinson doubled and scored in the first game, and singled in the second.

Baseball

FROM PAGE 1

South Oakland Little League had won the District 4 International Tournament.

The SOLL juniors did not win this year's district tournament. But the title stayed in the family, so to speak, as the North Oakland Little League All-Stars captured this year's District 4 Junior League title by defeating South Oakland 16-6 Friday evening at Caldecott Field.

The game ended in the bottom of the fifth inning when North Oakland scored its final run, thus invoking the 10-run rule.

"This is a good-hitting team and we're probably the best defensive team in the district," NOLL manager Eddy Kleinhans said. "Once we got the balls down, we knew we could cause trouble."

As district champion, North

Oakland advances to the Section 1 tournament, slated to start in Forestville on Saturday. NOLL will open with a 2 p.m. game against the District 3 champion.

Friday's championship final pretty much followed the pattern the teams had established when NOLL beat SOLL 11-4 in a winners bracket game at Caldecott two days earlier.

In that game South Oakland's Josh Varinsky gave his team a 2-0 lead with a two-run home run in the top of the first inning.

In Friday's game, SOLL used the longball again in the top of the first inning. Only this time, it was Lawrence Davis going deep for two runs.

The lead was short-lived, as NOLL went up for keeps when Eric Jaffe clouted a three-run home run over the left-field fence in the bottom of the first inning. NOLL added four more runs in the inning to take a 7-2 advantage into the second inning.

Aside from Davis' home run and a double by Ned Lutz into shallow right field in the fifth, SOLL could not get the ball out of the infield against NOLL pitcher Willy Elman.

Elman, a sophomore-to-be at Berkeley High School, gave up seven hits. Five of those were infield singles.

Still, SOLL made what it could out of them. In the second, Lutz led off with one of those infield singles. Philip Lang followed by getting hit with a pitch, and both runners moved up on a wild pitch.

Devin Brown grounded out to score Lutz. Lang eventually also scored on DeLorimer's sacrifice fly to narrow the gap to 7-4.

NOLL responded with eight runs in the second for a 15-4 spread. SOLL then got single runs in the third and fourth innings to make the score 15-6.

Needing just one more run to claim the title, NOLL wasted no time by loading the bases in the

bottom of the fifth.

Stuart Johnson, a Berkeley resident, reached on an error to get things going. Ricky Normington and Charlie Sauter followed with singles.

With none out, the bases loaded and Johnson representing the title-winning run just 90 feet away, Patrick Mell stepped to the plate and sent a grounder to third. The throw home in an effort to retire Johnson was wild, however, as NOLL began to celebrate its victory.

Albany's Junior League All-Star team shut out Pinole-Hercules 13-0 on July 6, but fell 14-9 to South Oakland on July 7 to be eliminated from the tournament.

9-10 YEAR OLD
Albany defeated North Oakland 12-1 on July 6, but lost to Walnut Creek 10-0 on July 7 to be eliminated from the tournament.

Staff writer Mike McGreehan contributed to this report.

Calendar

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three letters of recommendation. Jason Krolkowski, Athletic Director, De Anza High School, 5000 Valley View Road, Richmond, Ca., 94803. Fax: 510-223-7984. 510-223-3811 ext. 2535 or DAathletics@aol.com.

■ **El Cerrito High School** - Looking for junior varsity girls volleyball coach. Season runs Aug. 15-Nov. 10. Fax resume to 510-536-0376. Nathan Jackson, 510-332-5947.

■ **Dublin High School** - Looking for

varsity and junior varsity girls volleyball coaches and freshman boys basketball coach. Shawn McHugh, 925-833-3305 or mchughshaw@dublin.k12.ca.us.

■ **Clayton Valley High School** - Cross country coach needed. Season runs Aug. 22-Nov. 15. Paid position; experience necessary. Boys water polo coach for season running Aug. 22-Nov. 1 and boys and girls lacrosse coaches for season running Feb. 10-May 22 also needed. Send resume to Pat Middendorp, fax 925-825-7859 or e-mail middendorp@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

■ **Acalanes High School** - Seeking

the following coaches: varsity girls volleyball head coach, varsity girls water polo head coach, football freshman and junior varsity assistants, junior varsity boys and girls tennis head coaches, junior varsity boys volleyball head coach and freshman and junior varsity baseball head coach and assistant in Lafayette. Randy Takahashi, 925-935-2600 ext. 217

■ **Carondelet High School** - Accepting applications for a junior varsity water polo coach and junior varsity and freshman volleyball coaches. Call Mrs. Green, 925-686-5353 ext. 168 or e-mail ggreen@caron-

deleths.org.

■ **Northgate High School** - Needs varsity/junior varsity water polo coaches for the girls and boys teams. For girls, Eric Weber, eweberus@hotmail.com; Chris Seely, 925-939-2755 or fseely@astound.net. For boys, Jim McClelland, jmccllland@mdm-architects.com; Chris Seely.

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Reviews

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the ultimate form of combat makes it the entertaining bauble it is. — B. Newman. (PG-13: violence, sex, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B**

"MYSTERIOUS SKIN": Two boys, at 18, remember very different formative traumas from when they were 8. Incidentally gay Neil was mostly thrilled to get his coach's "special attention," while Brian is sure he was abducted by aliens for five otherwise unaccountable hours. "Skin" shows a deep compassion and almost delicate imagination, but the subject — pederasty and how that affects its young victims' development — could alarm some viewers. — B. Strauss. (Not rated: sex, children in jeopardy, nudity, language, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **B+**

"MY SUMMER OF LOVE": A rich girl and a working-class girl from Yorkshire spend a steamy summer falling in love. We know this coming-of-age story likely won't result in a happily-ever-after, but the joy in Pawel Pawlikowski's film is in the unpredictable performances of the luminous Sissy Spacek look-alike Natalie Press as the tough Yorkshire teen and the haughty Emily Blunt as the privileged Tamsin. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **B+**

"REBOUND": Martin Lawrence is Coach Roy, a hotheaded college coach whose temper abruptly ends his career. Except for a little escape clause; if he can prove himself, coaching wherever somebody will have him, he will be reinstated. Who will hire him? The kids at his old Mount Vernon Middle School, 13-year-olds who haven't scored all season, that's who. With the usual motley crew of hotdogs, nerds, hefty boys and tough girls, the new

gig becomes spiritual rebirth for the beleaguered coach. — R. Moore. (PG: mild language, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **C**

"RIZE": A documentary about the evolution of a dance form in South Central Los Angeles. Spawned by the Rodney King riots, "clowning" and its offshoot, "krumping," are aggressive, angry, sexual and phenomenally energetic. But fashion photographer David LaChapelle treats it too superficially, leaving unanswered questions about its practitioners in favor of long stretches of nothing more than recorded movement. — M. Pols. (PG-13: suggestive content, drug references, language and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B-**

"SAVING FACE": This amiable romantic comedy follows Wil, a Chinese-American woman who attempts to carry on a cautious affair with Vivian. Complicating things is Wil's homophobic mother (Joan Chen), who discovers she is pregnant at 48 and, disgraced, moves in with Wil. The movie is at its weakest when it succumbs to sentimental sitcom conventions, and unfortunately, it forfeits its credibility at a wedding finale with a series of instant solutions. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening onscreen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. **B-**



"Man of La Mancha," presented by Alameda Civic Light Opera at Kofman Auditorium, runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays through July 24. Reserved seat tickets are \$30 for adults, \$26 for seniors and juniors. For information and reservations call 510-864-ACLO (2256) or go to www.ACLO.com. Kofman Auditorium is located at 2200 Central Ave. in Alameda.

Events

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — The museum is designed to discover, preserve, interpret and share the cultural and historical experiences of African Americans in California and the West. In addition, there is a three-panel mural on permanent display.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS —

"Liberty on the Border: A Civil War Exhibit," through Sept. 11. An exhibit exploring non-military life in the border regions between North and South during the Civil War. The exhibit features artifacts, archival documents, broadsides, ephemera, lithographs and photographs.

"Trying to Find My Way Home: A Black Male Speaks of the Father," through Sept. 24. An exhibit of large-scale mixed-media works by Milton Bownes that explore the stereotypes and urban myths associated with the absent African-American male, the separation of the family and the consequences for the community.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. (510) 637-0200 or <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html>.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the island city.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-1233 or www.alamedamuseum.org.

BADH MUSEUM AT THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION — The museum's collections include the Tell en-Nasbeh Collection, consisting of artifacts excavated from Tell en-Nasbeh in Palestine in 1926 and 1935 by William Badh, and the Howell Bible Collection, featuring approximately 300 rare books (primarily Bibles) dating from the 15th through the 18th centuries.

"Wholly Grace," through Sept. 29. A solo exhibit of clay works by Susan Duhan Felix.

Free. Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Holbrook Hall, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-0528 or <http://bade.psr.edu/bade>.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection that was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Donation: \$2 guided tour. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. (510) 763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD

MUSEUM — through Dec. 31. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N scales on separate layouts as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. The layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. **VIEW THE LAYOUTS ONLY ON SATURDAYS; WATCH TRAINS RUN ON THE LAYOUTS ON SUNDAYS.**

Free on Saturday, 3 p.m. general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 families on Sunday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884 or www.gsmnm.org.

HABITAT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A museum especially for children ages 7 and under. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

ONGOING EXHIBITS —

"Waterworks." A water play gallery with rivers, a pumping station and a water table. Designed to teach about water.

"Little Town Grocery and Cafe." Designed to create the ambience of shopping in a grocery store and eating in a restaurant.

"Infant-Toddler Garden." A picket fence gated indoor area, which includes a carrot patch with wooden carrots to be harvested, a pretend pond and a butterfly mobile to introduce youngsters to the concept of food, gardening and agriculture.

"Dramatic Arts Stage." Settings, backdrops and costumes coincide with seasonal events and holidays. Children can exercise their dramatic flair here.

"Wiggle Wall." The floor-to-ceiling "underground" tunnels give children a worm's eye view of the world. The tunnels are laced with net covered openings and giant optic lenses.

\$5 general; \$6 children ages 7 and under; free children ages 12 months and under. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. (510) 847-1111 or www.habitat.org.

HALL OF HEALTH — A community

health-education museum and science center promoting wellness and individual responsibility for health. There are hands-on exhibits that teach about the workings of the human body, the value of a healthy diet and exercise, and the destructive effects of smoking and drug abuse. "Kids on the Block" puppet shows, which use puppets from diverse cultures to teach about and promote acceptance of conditions such as cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, leukemia, blindness, arthritis and spina bifida, are available by request for community events and groups visiting the Hall on Saturdays.

EXHIBITS —

"This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an Exercycle for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

Suggested \$3 donation; free children under 3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org.

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

EXHIBITS —

"Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore," through July 31. An exhibit examining the work of French artist Claude Cahun (born Lucy Schwob) in the context of her lifelong partnership and collaboration with Marcel Moore (born Suzanne Malherbe).

"Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Stettel," through July 31. A multi-media exhibition featuring digital animation and contour drawings merged with black-and-white photographs.

CLOSING — "Sephardic Horizons," closing July 15. An exhibit of works from the Jewish culture that arose in Spain and Portugal, and later moved to North Africa, the lands of the Ottoman Empire, Italy, Amsterdam and the New World. Featured works include ritual objects, photographs, prints, costumes, jewelry and books.

\$6 general; \$4 students and seniors; free children under age 12. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-

6950 or www.magnes.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM —

The collection includes over 6,000 objects, approximately 4,000 prints and drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings, and 900 small ceramics and sculptures. Each season works from the Museum's permanent collection are shown along with the regular season's program.

"Improving the Bow Tie: African-American Improvisational Quilts," through Aug. 7. An exhibit of colorful quilts based on the popular bow-tie pattern by 10 African-American quilt makers.

"Second to the Gods," through Aug. 7. An exhibit of recent gifts from the collection of William K. Ehrenfeld, including royal crowns and cornets of the Yoruba; thrones, chairs and stools from West Africa; and African fertility objects.

"Oakland Picture Lady," through Aug. 7. An installation of photographs created by Oakland artist and choreographer Traci Bartlow. The images are of the hip-hop scene in East Oakland in the 1990s.

"Spoke," through Aug. 7. A large-scale portrait by Oakland artist Keba Konte of his mother, a longshorewoman at the Port of Oakland in the 1980s.

Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 430-2164 or www.mills.edu.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE VILLAGE —

A science museum with an African-American focus promoting science education and awareness for the underrepresented. The science village chronicles the technical achievements of people of African descent from ancient times to present. There are computer classes at the Internet Café, science education activities and seminars. There is also a resource library with a collection of books, periodicals and videotapes.

\$6 general; \$4 children ages 6 to 18. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland. (510) 893-6426 or www.ncalblackengineers.org.

THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA —

EXHIBITS —

OPENING — "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino, 20th-Century Ceramic Masters," July 23 through Oct. 16. An exhibit of 50 of the couple's elegant bottles, bowls, platters and tiles, created in the period from 1950 to 1995.

Gallery Talk, July 23, 2 p.m. Meet Otto Heino and hear Tim Schiffer discuss the collaborative work of Otto and his late wife.

"Sculpture by Bruce Beasley: A 45-Year Retrospective," through July 31. This survey of work by the Oakland sculptor features approximately 75 works in aluminum and acrylic, cast and fabricated bronze, stainless steel, iron, granite and wood.

Artist gallery talk on July 17, 2 p.m. "Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentini," through Dec. 4. An exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paintings of California wildflowers by the artist.

"Playing Favorites: Community Choices from the History Collections," through July 31. An exhibit of rarely seen artifacts from the museum's history collections, including the Doggie Diner sign and a Wuritzer jukebox.

"Points of View: Selections from the Museum Collection," through July 31. A selection of contemporary artwork from the museum's collection, including photographs, ceramics, video, mixed-media sculptures and paintings.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with general admission unless otherwise noted.

"Bike Tours of Oakland," July 17, 10 a.m. A leisurely, two-hour, 5-mile tour of Oakland's history and personalities. Reservations required. (510) 238-3514.

"Family Explorations! Amazing Shapes in Space: Sculpture," July 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the "Sculpture by Bruce Beasley" exhibit and then turn geometric shapes into sculpture.

ONGOING EVENTS —

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art à la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children ages 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. (510) 238-2200 or

www.museumca.org

THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM —

historic Pardee Mansion, an Italianate villa built in 1888, to three generations of the family who were instrumental in civic and cultural development in California and Oakland. The house includes the house, grounds, tower and barn. Reservations required.

\$5 general; free for children and under. House Tours: Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. and 3 p.m. 672 11th St., Alameda. (510) 444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org.

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY —

Permanent exhibits highlight the city's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy.

"Shades of Richmond," through Sept. 11. An exhibit tracing 50 years of Richmond's history through photographs and artifacts. Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387 or <http://www.cl.richmond.ca.gov/museum/exhibits.htm>.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY ART MUSEUM —

"Haim Steinbach — Works and Objects for People/Spaces," through Sept. 4. A mixed-media exhibition examining the objects and what they reveal about sires, secrets and self-image.

"Eureka: The Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004," through Aug. 14. A collection of works by 12 Bay Area artists who received the Fellowship.

CLOSING — "Narrative Moments: Chinese and Japanese Paper Folding July 24. An exhibit of Chinese and Japanese art from the 19th centuries exploring the Confucian thought on education of society.

CLOSING — "Blind at the Museum," closing July 24. An exhibit of blindness and the "visual" through works by artists with limits of optical experience.

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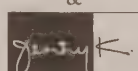
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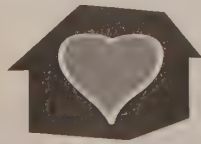
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telling, giant puppets, masks and live music in this collaboration between the ensemble and Indian performers and musicians. \$10 general; \$5 children. (925) 798-1300 or www.sunand-moonensemble.org.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — "Flamenco Series." July 16, 8 p.m. An evening of original Flamenco music and dance, presented by La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership. \$18 to \$20.

"Danzaq." July 17, 7 p.m. The ensemble Perundance performs a concert of Peruvian music and dance. \$15.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

SHATTUCK DOWN LOW — "Live Salsa." Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$10 general; \$5 students. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-1159 or www.shattuckdownlow.com.

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OUTDOORS

BAY AREA RAIL TRAILS — A network of trails converted from unused railway corridors.

OH LONE GREENWAY — A 3.75-mile paved trail converted from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway. Suitable for strollers and skaters. The trail runs under elevated BART tracks from Condon and Key Streets in El Cerrito to Virginia and Acton Streets in Berkeley. (510) 215-4382, (510) 528-5759 or (510) 644-6566.

LAFAYETTE/MORAGA TRAIL — A 7.75-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Rail line. This 20-year old trail goes along Las Trampas Creek. Suitable for walkers and cyclists. Runs from Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road in Lafayette to Moraga. (510) 635-0135, ext. 0138.

SAN RAMON VALLEY IRON HORSE TRAIL — The trail has grown into a 23-mile path between Concord and San Ramon with a link into Dublin. The trail runs from the north end of Monument Boulevard off State Highway 242 in Concord through Walnut Creek to just south of Village Green Park in San Ramon. It will eventually extend from Suisun Bay to Pleasanton and has been nominated as a Community Millennium Trail under the U.S. Millennium Trails program. A smooth shaded trail suitable for walkers, cyclists, skaters and strollers. (510) 635-0135, ext. 0138.

SHEPHERD CANYON TRAIL — A 3-mile

paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Rail Line. The tree-lined trail is gently sloping and generally follows Shepherd Canyon Road. Suitable for walkers and cyclists. Begins in Montclair Village behind McCaulou's Department Store on Medua Place and ends at Paso Robles Drive, Oakland. (510) 238-7275.

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

ALAMEDA/CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

"Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides." Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon regional parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: in front of the North Berkeley BART Station. (510) 849-9650.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Lake Chabot Bike Rides." Thursdays, 6:15 a.m. These rides are for strong beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non-hammerhead pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. (510) 468-3582. Free. (415) 561-2595 or www.ridgetrail.org.

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwater creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay from land. You can also travel back in time to Alameda's part. The goal is to increase understanding of the environmental importance of the San Francisco Bay and the ocean ecosystem. The Indoor Aquarium and Exhibit Lab is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the East Bay. "Hard Bodies, Jointed Legs: Arthropods." July 16, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Explore the largest group in the animal kingdom, which includes crabs, spider and centipedes.

"Sea Siblings." July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. An outdoor exploration and theme-related craft, for ages 3 to 5, and optionally, siblings or friends ages 1 to 5. Registration required. \$4. (510) 636-1684. "Sea Squirts." July 26, Aug. 9 and Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A program for ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult, featuring outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft and snack. Registration required. \$6 to \$8. (510) 636-1684.

"Estuary Explorers." July 28, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. A program for ages 6 to 8 featuring outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft and snack. Registration required. \$6 to \$8. (510) 636-1684. Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org.

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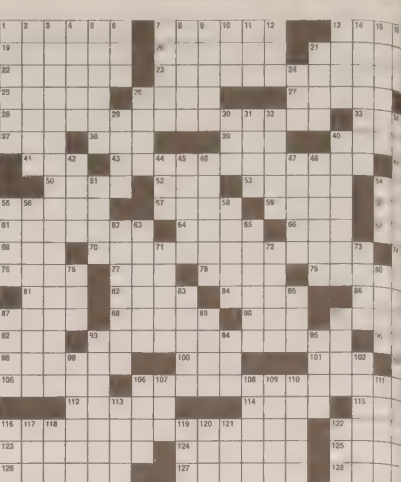
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Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking. Free Self-Guided Grounds Tour booklets are available at Dinkelspiel House.

ESTATE GROUNDS — Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Sunday. Booklets and maps of the grounds are available at the Dinkelspiel House. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAYS — The mansion is open for at least one Sunday of every month. Bring a picnic and enjoy mansion tours at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and entertainment at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and children ages 6 to 13; free children under age 13.

DUNSMUIR MANSION DOCKENLED TOURS — through Sept. 28. Dunsmuir's volunteer docents lead visitors on a guided tour of the estate grounds and the 37-room mansion. No high heels allowed in the mansion. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and youth ages 11 to 16; \$1 children ages 4 to 10; free children ages 4 and under.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org.

GREENBELT ALLIANCE OUTINGS — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations

required for all trips.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Berkeley Rocks." July 24, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Walk through historic Berkeley neighborhoods with Bob Johnson and observe houses built over rock outcroppings, rocks in gardens and the use of rocks in street features. This moderate hike includes the option to ascend up steps out roughly into the rock for great views and archaeological features. Distance: 6 to 7 miles. Elevation gain: less than 1000 feet. Meet in front of the North Berkeley BART station. Bring lunch, plenty of water, good walking shoes and sun protection or rain gear. Heavy rain cancels.

"Self-Guided Urban Outing: Berkeley," ongoing. This interactive smart growth walking tour of central Berkeley examines some of the exciting projects that help alleviate the housing shortage in the city as well as amenities important to making a livable community. The walk, which includes the GAIA Cultural Center, Alston Oak Court, The Berkeley Bike Station, University Terrace and Strawberry Creek Park, takes an hour-and-a-half to two hours at a leisurely pace. Download the itinerary which gives specific directions by entering www.greenbelt.org and clicking on "get involved" and then "urban outings." Drop down and click

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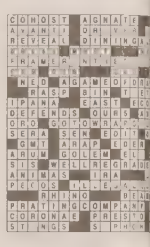
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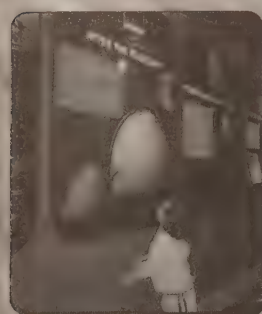
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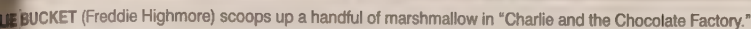
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Arts & Leisure

Friday, July 15, 2005

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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

Vin Diesel plays to the children

THE PACIFIER

You heard it here first: one day Vin Diesel will be the governor of California. "Kindergarten Cop" obviously helped propel Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Capital, so it makes sense that this homage to that 1990 comedy will likely do the same for Diesel. Mary Poppins meets General George Patton in this amusing kids film with Diesel as a child-phobic Navy SEAL assigned to baby sit five unruly youngsters. "Pacifier" is your typical "fish out of water" movie with predictable but entertaining results. This film is way over the top with broad humor and plenty of action scenes — which kids ages 10 to 12 are sure to love. Anyone older will find the DVD sophomoric, and younger kids may be scared by the copious amount of bloodless violence. (PG: action violence and rude humor). 1 hour and 35 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: 3 stars

Teens: 2½ stars

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Endearing action comedy that will tickle the funny bone of your Tweens.

MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS

Sandra Bullock reprises her role as a tough-talking FBI agent who cleans up well and battles crime in designer clothes and high-heels shoes. In this role Bullock is the spitting image of Michael Jackson — not a good thing. Even more disturbing is that this "separated at birth" moment is the highlight of the DVD. The low point is the humorless jokes about Tamppons that would make a third-rate Vegas comic cringe. At the end of the movie the filmmakers have the audacity to queue up a "Miss Congeniality 3" — a film that could only be made by sadistic elves intent upon torturing the public at large with cinematic twaddle. (PG-13: sex-related humor). 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1½ stars

Kids: 1½ stars

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 1½ stars

Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? No — Bland sequel that seems utterly pointless.

DRAGON TALES: PLAYING FAIR MAKES PLAYING FUN

The five segments packaged together on this disc from the PBS Kids' series "Dragon Tales" are so good, they've helped renew my faith in humankind. Well, not really. But still, this is children's entertainment at its best. Made by the same team that produces "Sesame Street," the animated show centers on two children who use magic to visit Dragonland, where they play with sweet dragons. Woven into these shows are positive lessons about good sportsmanship. But don't tell your kids that; just let them think you're giving them a special treat by letting them watch the DVD. My 5-year old son and 19-month-old daughter both love this show, and I'm having a hard time shaking the catchy theme song out of my head. (Not Rated). 1 hour and 4 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 3½ stars

Teens: ½ star

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Five great episodes from the terrific kids' show.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via www.PhDVD.com.



SHERRY LIAVARIS/STAFF

"I THINK MOST people would just think of my paintings as pretty, decorative work ... However, the root of why I produce this work is also a statement about my beliefs and my opinions about our environment," says Yvette Molina.

Nature at root of artist's work

By Jennifer Modenessi

STAFF WRITER

The smell of thinner and oil paint greets you as you step through the door of Oakland artist Yvette Molina's studio. Cans of spindly paintbrushes sit next to a jar full of cut branches and dry flowers.

Molina, a slender woman clad in dark shirt and jeans, picks up the burnt umber-colored form of a strange clipping and identifies it as a cutting from a smoke tree. She walks over to a large oil-paint-on-aluminum panel resting on a wooden easel and holds the twig up to its painted twin, demonstrating how she's transformed the cutting into a balletic and silhouetted form painted against a misty blue sky.

Molina will show this painting and others at "Last Light," an exhibit of delicately rendered oil-on-aluminum paintings through Aug. 15 at Cecile Mochnek Gallery in Berkeley. The highlight of the show is the 10-foot-long five-panel painting "Last Light," which depicts a damp, twilight, primordial forest — which is, in fact, a strip of land behind the 32-year-old Oakland resident's house.

Isolating and painting oasis in the midst of urban, commercial and industrial sprawl may be Molina's focus at the moment, but the artist, who studied at the University of Dayton, Ohio, and abroad in England and France,

"I'm really concerned about the future of these little sacred places or quiet places, and I really believe that it's a diminishing part of our world."

— Yvette Molina

sees her work as constantly evolving. Choosing to paint on metal instead of traditional canvas, Molina adds a conceptual layer to her ecologically themed work.

And although she's deeply concerned about the environment, Molina isn't exactly out to convert people to her poetic brand of conservation. She's quite content if her work simply gives viewers the chance to reflect on natural beauty — and breathe.

Q: Why do you think you choose your particular subject matter — the natural landscape and plants — as opposed to people?

A: I feel really connected to plants. There's something almost spiritual to working with the earth and plants. I think most people would just think of my paintings as pretty, decorative work, and certainly, it's very important for me to create work that is beautiful. I'm drawn to that — I like creating that. That is a big part, for me, of making art. However, the root of why

I produce this work is also a statement about my beliefs and my opinions about our environment.

I'm really concerned about the future of these little sacred places or quiet places, and I really believe that it's a diminishing part of our world. So in a way, for me, this is documenting something that I think is important and giving it the time that it deserves — the time to really observe something and spend time with it. It's almost like giving it its due respect.

Q: How do the materials you choose to work with play into that? Do you feel they effectively translate your concept?

A: I think my paintings give homage to these things. A lot of people get the postcard to the show or see this painting ("Last Light") and they have this almost visceral reaction, like, "Sigh ... I want to be there." This is not commonplace anymore. This is not in people's back yards. This is special ... this is becoming a special thing. People want that.

I think that the metal is very modern — it's been processed in a plant. In a way, it's that merging, and that clashing or balance where it's meeting and working out.

Q: Do you think your work is specific to the Bay Area, or could you see yourself having painted this anywhere else?

A: I think it's starting to branch out. I did an artists' residency at the Legion of Honor/Young Art Center two years ago and I was working in this long, narrow format and people kept stopping and saying, "Are you influenced by Asian art?" I hadn't been — that's not what I was referencing, but I thought I should look at it after several comments like that. And so I started doing some research and getting a bunch of books on Asian art and was really, really moved and inspired by what I was seeing — the scroll paintings. So it definitely pushed me. I think there are elements that aren't directly related to the Bay Area.

I think there's a reverence that Chinese scroll painting has for nature. They made these huge paintings, and if there were humans in them at all, they were very tiny, tiny. It was about the greatness of nature and the all-power of nature. I really appreciate that perspective.

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Boldly Spartan, Olivia maintains character

By John Birdsall

CORRESPONDENT

The server sets down dessert, and it's remarkably plain: a white plate, lined with a paper napkin — an ordinary pebbly supermarket napkin — supporting a bowl. It contains two scoops of Wild Blackberry Ice Cream (\$6), untroubled by a restaurant's usual hackneyed garnishes — no mint sprig, praline sprinkle or enormous fanned strawberry — nothing, absolutely nothing, to sex it up. Just two scoops of ice cream that's a soft, faded pink, the color of a tablecloth soaking up spilled wine.

And that ice cream: an infinitesimally fine grain (like custard fused with whipped cream) and the mysterious, musky rose taste of blackberries — a finely balanced arrangement of sweetness and acidity graced with dark opulence. It's extraordinary.

At Olivia, chef Nathan Peterson's new Berkeley restaurant, the food radiates its own inner sexiness, without props. But will everyone feel Peterson's passion?

Perhaps no other chef is quite so steeped in the East Bay's particular culinary esthetic. Starting at age 15, Peterson and his family ate regularly at Chez Panisse — for a young chef in the making, the equivalent of an education steeped in the great books of Western civilization. Since 1990, he's spent his culinary life connected to Oakland's Bay Wolf (a restaurant born of the Chez Panisse revolution) in a variety of roles, including executive chef. Purveyors with a symbiotic relationship with Chez Panisse — wine importer Kermit Lynch, Paul Johnson of Monterey Fish



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

OLIVIA CHEF Nathan Peterson, formerly of Bay Wolf, embraces an uncluttered style at his new restaurant.

and Steve Sullivan of Acme Bread — are Peterson's mentors (Lynch is actually a neighbor), somewhat like kindly uncles.

Olivia (the name comes from Peterson's 12-year-old yellow Lab) is an example of what can happen when the pure product of the gourmet ghetto sets up on his own. In Peterson's case, the results are both brilliant and frustratingly opaque.

With its little beehive fireplace and storybook diamond-pane windows (site of the long-running A La Carte), its tangerine and olive-leaf color accents, the dining room feels like some California Craftsman rendering of Provence. Pe-

terson, of course, thinks in meridional French-California, the particular idiom of Chez Panisse. Slow Cooked Lamb "Provençal" with White Beans and Glazed Carrots (\$19) is a classic daube with a contemporary uncluttered feel. It's a plate of herb-flecked olive-spiked cannellini beans (soft and earthy sweet) supporting a slice of braised lamb shoulder and long pieces of very sweet glazed carrot.

Like the blackberry ice cream that follows it, the lamb expresses radical purity. It's a frank distillation of the pungency of lamb, robust and sweaty. Not particularly tender, it's never-

theless rigorously honest: This is what lamb shoulder tastes like when it's cooked slowly, with skill, with care and with a minimum of supporting aromatic elements. But it's not necessarily delicious.

Peterson is more successful when he combines honest ingredients with artifice. Cornmeal Pancake with Smoked Trout, Bacon, Spinach and Meyer Lemon Cream (\$7), an appetizer, is fantastic: a little fat corn cake beneath barely wilted spinach and thick shards of smoked trout, drenched with a peppery cream

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JACK TUCKER
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Actors to re-murder mystery

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For the rest of the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, Margaret Gudmundsson is director. Christie's murder mystery, "A Murder Is Announced," is at 8 tonight in La Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Christie's murder mystery, "A Murder Is Announced," is at 8 tonight in La Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are a bargain, \$10, and reduced for 15 or more. For reservations call 510-649-5999 or www.aefoberkeley.org.

Actors Ensemble Berkeley's longest-running stage company, will play 48th season with "Six Degrees of Separation" playing Fridays and from Oct. 21 through Oct. 28.

AUDITION AT 7:30 p.m. Auditions for "You'll It With You" will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 19 and 20, between 10 p.m. at Contra Costa Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Auditions will be on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m.

All roles are open for Grandpa Vanderbeek. Inimitable Ralph Miller that plum in a bit of even George S. Kaufman, Moss Hart, the play would approve.

This 1936 Pulitzer-winning play about a hold of zany, hilarious oddballs is considered eddy writers and critics be the root of all things in American performance — stage, film and TV. It, there probably was "All in the Family," "Lucy," "Seinfeld" or "Friends."

Roles for eight to seven women, ages 18 to 35. Prepare a one-minute monologue. Read from Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Kathy Culbertson is directing. 524-9132 for more info.

BETTER HUMANITY

Tomorrow and Sunday last two chances to see Woman's Will production "Richard III" in John Park, Berkeley, directed by Susannah Martin. Starts at 1 p.m. After this performance will be Oakland and beyond.

As with all of the productions by the Bay Area female Shakespeare company, Woman's Will is a friendly and trippingly on the tongue. And the last does mean that the words "trippingly on the tongue" they do.

For one thing, they are easy to reach. For the delivery of the line, impeccable, making the plot easy to follow. Finally, the performance is affordable — as in free. However, voluntary contributions are welcome.

"Richard III" for Woman's Will newswoman in the title. A woman we love to hate, whose deformity in production is a drag on mesmerizing performance. Jordan just finished Elizabeth in "Richard Shakespeare at Shakespeare."

Other telling pieces by Erin Merritt, Berkeley Quattrone and Jennifer.

For other dates of this show, running Sept. 14, Call 510-420-0811, www.womanswill.org/html.

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Section D

The 2006 Mitsubishi Eclipse: Great styling and performance

BY TOM KEANE

MOTOR MATTERS

Concept cars always have eye-catching designs — on the drawing board. But in production, the bold emotional statements seem to vanish. The exception is the 2006 Mitsubishi Eclipse.

This is the fourth generation of the Eclipse, and, as with its predecessors, it has great eye-appeal. The new model's design is very aerodynamic and has a low profile, appearing to be a blend of a sports car and a sedan. The hood blends into the roofline, and the front slopes gracefully back to the rear. The windows are narrow, and the doors and rear side panels duplicate the narrow profile of the artist's conception. The word "exciting" best describes this four-passenger coupe, and I can't wait to get in and drive.

The outer beauty of the Eclipse is rewarded by its interior. The GT has two-tone leather that is quite inviting with a mix of red and black seat covers and trim. The interior is surrounded by great materials. Both models — GS and GT — have just about the same content. The main difference is the engine. The GS costs for about \$20,000; the GT is \$24,000 more.

Both cars are very well equipped, but there are a few options available, such as a moon roof, powerful sound system and leather seats for GT.

The GS has a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 162 horsepower. The GT has a 3.8-liter V6 engine producing 200 horsepower. Both cars get about 28 mpg on the highway, but the V6 gets 19 mpg city, while the four-cylinder gets 23 mpg. Both engines offer the choice of manual or automatic transmission.

Though the Eclipse is a four-passenger coupe, the rear seats aren't nearly as comfortable or roomy as the front seats. Also, due to the exotic design, the windows are very narrow, which limits visibility for those seated in the rear as well as the driver's view when looking up.

Although the roofline slopes down



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over the rear hatch, when I opened the hatch lid I was surprised to see how much storage space was available. The 50/50 split-folding rear backrests make it possible to increase the storage capacity. The hatch is unlocked simply with a soft touch to the remote key fob.

The front seats are exceptionally comfortable. They contain a resilient spring cushion, so that when I was driving over twisting roads, I felt snug and secure. Also, these are high-back seats incorporating the high headrest design. The driver's seat has a new lumbar support system and sliding, reclining and height adjustable driver's seats are on both models. An eight-way powered driver's seat is available on the GT.

The side window on the doors lower slightly when the door opens and return

MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GT

Vehicle Type	Four-passenger, two-door, four-wheel drive coupe
Suggested Retail	\$23,754
Engine Type	V6 SOHC 24 valve w/ESPFI
Horsepower	263 @ 5,750 rpm
Torque	260 @ 4,500 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	101 inches
Height	53 inches
Curb Weight	3,538 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 19/28

upward when the door is shut. This improves the sealing between the door window and the weather strip. This is not a unique function, but it is usually only found on more expensive cars. Another advantage is reducing the interior noise level.

In spite of the Eclipse's sporty outer appearance, the interior is lush, plush and hush. The two important instruments on sports cars are the tachometer and speedometer. Both could be easily viewed while my eyes were focused on the road ahead. At night,

these gauges are illuminated with a soft blue light for better visibility.

The real enjoyment is the power and handling. This car lives up to the expectations the designers intended and when the engineers took over, they structured the suspension to do what was intended when the Eclipse was simply a concept car.

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1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa produces positive memories

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

By the time Jim Simpson was between his sophomore and junior years at Washburn University in Topeka, his very used Plymouth Valiant had developed an ominous death rattle.

He was an autocross fan, and with that sport in mind he began shopping for a car that was affordable. He noticed a lot of rear-engine Chevrolet Corvairs at autocross events, but well-equipped new Corvairs had sticker prices in the \$3,000-range, which was too pricey for a college student.

The clouds soon parted, and on the used-car lot of a Chrysler dealer, Simpson found a top-of-the-line 1966 Corvair Corsa two-door hard-top with 27,660 miles on the odometer. The relatively high mileage on a two-year-old car didn't faze him. They were probably easy highway miles, he figured.

In the time-honored tradition of college students everywhere, he quickly made a withdrawal from the Bank of Mom. He still has the receipt for the \$1,648 he paid for the Corvair.

Simpson recalls that the sporty marina blue car with posi-traction was well prepped by the dealership. The first thing he did was drive his Corvair to the parking lot of the Menninger Clinic where he had a part-time job. Everyone there had to take a look at his Corvair, even Marolyn, a young lady in the research lab. The two dated until he graduated in 1970, and joined the U.S. Navy and drove

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off in his 180-horsepower Corvair to his first assignment in Newport, R.I. After a few months, the Navy reassigned him to Vallejo, Calif. Driving his Corvair coast-to-coast, he stopped by Topeka to see Marolyn. The Navy then sent him in his trusty Corvair to Idaho Falls, Idaho. With that duty completed, he was assigned to New London, Conn. Naturally, he drove his Corvair through Phoenix to see his mother and Topeka to see Marolyn. Between two assignments to Norfolk, Va., sandwiched around one to Portsmouth, N.H. the young couple found time to get married.

In October 1972, Simpson shipped out on an attack submarine for six months. Before he left, his bride was given instructions that every Sunday night she was to fire up the Corvair and drive it on a prescribed route to keep the car limber for the eventual return of its owner. By the mid-1970s, Simpson had left the Navy and the couple bought a house in Bowie, Md. One requirement was that it had to have a large garage.

In 1978, the Corvair's clutch started slipping, and the decision was made to restore the car. In 1979, Simpson had dropped the six-cylinder, air-cooled engine out of the car and had begun stripping it. Taking it apart was easy, he said.

The engine and transmission

were quickly rebuilt, but progress came to a halt in 1981. The stumbling block was the realization that the next step involved the nasty, messy job of cleaning and scraping the bottom of the Corvair. Years passed before Simpson constructed a wooden rotisserie on which the car could be twisted and turned so the bottom could be cleaned with the laborers standing upright.

The bottom was cleaned and progress ended as the Simpsons spent the next two years helping to prepare for the 1991 National Corvair Convention, which their local group hosted. With that task out of the way, work resumed on the Corvair.

In June 1997, Simpson had his Corvair painted to the color of the original and a new blue-tinted windshield was installed. So obsessed with authenticity was Simpson that he spent a cold, wintry day in a Pennsylvania Corvair junk yard in search of five special screws to hold the air intake by the engine.

The engine was bolted together and then, with Marolyn standing guard with a fire extinguisher and a camera, he fired up the engine in the freshly restored Corvair. It's a positive memory he recalls every time he slides behind the wheel.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbotsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.



MOTOR MATTERS

JIM SIMPSON STILL HAS the receipt for the \$1,648 he paid for his 1966 Corvair Corsa two-door hard-top.

Toyota refines active safety

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

Just about everyone knows what anti-lock brakes and traction control are supposed to do. But there are lots of other active safety systems such as stability control that have become widely available. They operate independently, and sometimes for those who think they are driving normally it's a little unsettling when they begin to intervene.

The whole idea behind the introduction of so many active safety systems is to anticipate tire slippage before a skid, slide, or wheel spin occurs and make the necessary corrections to stay out of trouble. Currently, that's done in most vehicles with separate systems, operating independently. That's fine, but when those systems start to operate, they can send confusing signals to the driver about what's happening.

Through the use of some of the latest automotive technology, Toyota and Lexus have opened a window to the future of active safety with the introduction of a system called Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management. VDIM is designed to smooth out the driver's impression of what's happening when handling, traction and braking systems react to vehicle driving conditions. That's best done through the tight integration of all vehicle dynamic systems to give the driver a more transparent sensation of the systems as they work.

VDIM uses an active control strategy that gathers information from a comprehensive array of sensors including steering angle, yaw rate, deceleration, brake pressure, brake

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pedal stroke, wheel speed and others. By now, you're probably thinking, what's so new about that? Stability control systems have been doing that for years. What's new is that the signals are used individually for specific functions (as before), and collectively (that's new) by VDIM. Data is also gathered from other systems such as vehicle stability control, antilock brakes, brake assist, traction control, and the electronic throttle control.

In addition, three important new technologies are used that are central to the effectiveness of VDIM: electric power steering, electronic brake control, and variable gear ratio power steering. VDIM then integrates all of these elements using Toyota's proprietary software to seamlessly manage the entire vehicle's dynamic package.

Electronically Controlled Brakes or "brake by wire" is one of the new technologies that make VDIM possible. ECB translates brake pedal pressure into electronic signals that, through computer control, actuate the brakes. The big advantage is quick, precise, optimized braking of individual wheels in any traction situation, while VDIM watches over everything. In case of a power failure, the electronically controlled brakes are backed up by a conventional hydraulic system, should the electronics fail.

Variable Gear Ratio Steering is also a key part of VDIM. The most

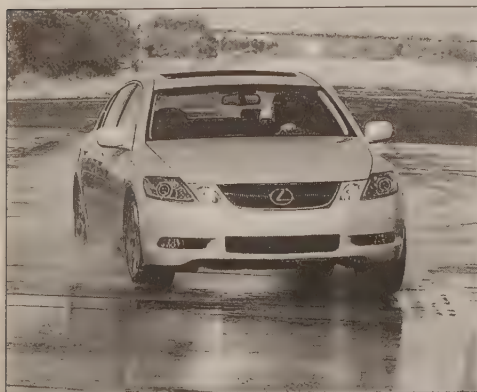
important feature of variable gear ratio steering is called "differential steering control" which helps the steering system correct for a slight delay in steering response—something that happens in all vehicles. The delay is caused by suspension movement and flexing of the tires' sidewalls. In difficult driving situations, such as rapid lane changes, VDIM can actively and automatically apply subtle changes in steering angle ratio and effort to assist the driver to maintain smooth control, even in strong side winds and this all happens while remaining virtually transparent to the driver.

Electric Power Steering is another development that can contribute to better driving feel and controllability. Available only in the GS 430, RX 400h, and Highlander hybrid, EPS replaces the purely passive hydraulic steering assist system found in most vehicles with a precise electronic assist, using a DC motor integrated into the steering column. The assist is computer controlled to help provide comfortable and controllable levels of effort in varying situations. With VDIM interaction, the amount of assist can be instantly varied for the conditions at hand.

By eliminating the engine-driven hydraulic pump, EPS also reduces fuel consumption. And stripped of the usual hydraulic system of pump, hoses, pipes and fluid, the simplified system is lighter and more compact than conventional power steering systems.

A Pre-Collision System, available only on the LS 430 is a conceptually simple, but highly sophisticated feature that, using radar, detects obstacles in front of the car and feeds its signal to a dedicated computer. The PCS computer uses vehicle speed, steering angle and yaw rate inputs to help determine in advance whether a collision is eminent. If PCS determines that a collision is not avoidable it preemptively activates to retract the driver and front passenger seatbelts prior to the collision. To help reduce crash speed, the pre-collision brake assist automatically applies maximum braking force the instant the brake pedal is depressed.

It seems there's no limit to how much modern electronics can contribute to active automotive safety. Simple features such as ABS, traction control, and stability control are much more sophisticated, and infinitely better now than when they were first introduced. And Toyota's most recent developments demonstrate just how good active safety systems might be in the future.



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LEXUS GS 430 VDIM active safety demonstration at Toyota Arizona Proving Grounds.

Sedan's rear window design not receptive to

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I have always owned station wagons or hatchback style vehicles. All had rear window wipers as standard equipment. I am currently looking for a sedan. None of the sedan manufacturers offer a rear window wiper. I feel the rear wiper is important as a safety feature. Why don't sedans have rear wiper blades? — Ralph

Dear Ralph: The design of a sedan's rear window doesn't allow a practical way to mount a wiper. For a wiper to work, the window and shape of the car would have to be changed. There are many crossover vehicles that may meet your needs. Keep in mind that a sedan's electric rear de-icer helps dry up moisture on the rear window.

Dear Doctor: About eight months ago, I noticed the electric radiator fan on my 1995 Honda Accord did not shut off when the ignition key was turned off. It continues to run for about three minutes — in any weather. I went to the local shop and spent \$300 for two switches, but that did not solve the problem. I called the dealer and he said that some electric cooling fans would operate for up to five minutes after the engine is shut off. That doesn't sound correct to me. Will this wear down the battery? — Howard

Dear Howard: You mentioned two switches were replaced. There is a fan module located in the left kick panel that energizes the electric cooling fan. It is also true that the electric cooling fans will operate after the ignition is shut off. This feature is to cool the radiator after the coolant has stopped circulating. Some electric fans will run more than five minutes. Don't worry about battery drain if the fan operates for five minutes or less during

the summer. But if the fan continues to operate during the cold winter months after the key is shut off, I would consult the local Honda dealer service department.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Dodge Caravan with 184,000 miles. When I fill the gas tank the needle goes to full, as it should. After I drive for 85 miles the needle will go to empty. My gas mileage is also very poor, averaging about 10 miles per gallon. The "check engine" light also comes on. — Clem

Dear Clem: The first problem sounds like a faulty fuel-sending unit. That is a common problem. The poor gas mileage and "check engine" light are very much connected and will require a qualified technician to analyze the problem. Oxygen sensors are a common failure, especially with the high mileage. I would recommend a full engine performance test on your minivan.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Chevy Blazer with a 5.7-liter V8 engine. The engine has recently been rebuilt and seems to run well. I always let the engine idle for five minutes before driving. The problem is when I put the transmission in reverse the engine will stall out when it's cold. I have to put my foot on the gas to keep it from stalling. Does my engine have an idle speed screw adjustment? — Ken

Dear Ken: Does the engine stall if you put the transmission in drive when cold? Back the car into the driveway so you can move forward. If the engine does not stall out, the problem could be an internal transmission problem. You may also want to have the throttle position sensor and idle air control motor adjusted. A small

vacuum leak can cause a condition and stalling. The body fuel injection curb idle speed screw is at the factory.

Dear Doctor: Regarding increasing popularity of engine starters, my dealer often result in service and the inability of the start. He attributes this into the factory wiring. What has been your experience with the remote start? Would you put one in? — Francis

Dear Francis: Some cars have remote start factory installed. I like a remote car engine start have them in both cars. I have had engine starters for 15 years before they got popular. A few manufacturers make remote starters cannot be especially high-end.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a new 2005 four-cylinder car in February. When car in the morning, the idle up at 1,500 rpm. The transmission in gear will drop to 1,000 rpm, leave the brake the car will accelerate to 10 dealer informed me the normal condition. I the defect and I reported a national Highway Traffic administration. — Mike

Dear Mike: Today's cars idle anywhere from 1,500 rpm when cold. Engine electronically controlled set computer values and computer makes numerous as the engine warms, changes the idle speed. Sensors rely on many sensors make its changes.

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Dependability of new cars has improved

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

One of the long-held adages for the car buyer is to never buy a vehicle in its first year, because its quality is worst at the start and improves over its life.

That axiom is being thrown out the window based on the latest reports from J.D. Power and Associates, the quality gurus in Westlake Village, Calif. Neal Odde, J.D. Power's senior director product research, said in an interview, that while vehicle launches are still problematic, they are dramatically improving.

Most recently, the firm released its 2005 Vehicle Dependability Study. That study measures problems experienced by the original owners of three-year-old (in this case, 2002 model year) vehicles, based on more than 50,000 responses from owners.

In the study, three of the 19 segment leaders were new or redesigned in the 2002 model year. The Ford Thunderbird took top honors in the entry luxury car category; it was all-new in 2002. The Cadillac Escalade EXT was top-ranked in the light-duty full-size pickup category; it was brand new in 2002. The Honda CR-V placed first in the entry sport utility category; it was completely redesigned in 2002.

The latest study supports the fact that auto manufacturers are getting much better at launching new models and redesigns with fewer quality glitches than before. An earlier J.D. Power Study, the 2005 Initial Quality Study, which measures problems with vehicles after 90 days of ownership, reinforced this finding.

The IQS study states some new models performed significantly better than their segment average. The Hyundai Tucson was

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a brand new entry in the entry sport utility segment and ranked second in the segment in its first year. Other new models that performed better than their predecessors include Toyota's Scion TC, Dodge Dakota, Chevrolet Corvette and Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The initial start for these new and redesigned vehicles bodes well for their long-term durability; they may well end up as segment leaders in the dependability study released three years from now. Overall, the latest J.D. Power study showed the largest increase in vehicle dependability. The industry recorded an impressive 12-percent improvement.

In fact, every vehicle manufacturer but two showed improvement, and the two who did not, Audi and Saab, did not suffer huge declines, 6 and 8 percent respectively, Odde said.

Other surprises in the long-term dependability study include the fact that Porsche showed the largest percentage improvement — 38 percent — putting it in second place in the manufacturer rankings. Hyundai, which has been soaring in all J.D. Power studies, experienced the largest reduction in actual problems reported by owners and showed a dramatic 31 percent improvement. Hyundai still ranked just below the industry average. Its affiliate, Kia, though it improved, ranked dead last.

Odde points out that in 2002, Hyundai and Kia had entirely separate manufacturing, which has since been merging, so he sees Kia following the same improvement track as Hyundai in the future.

Not surprisingly, Lexus ranked the highest in vehicle depend-

ability for the 11th year, improving a whole percent since last year's flagship LS 430 sedan. The lowest number of complaints of any vehicle J.D. Power measured, General Motors set new records, which performed well in Initial Quality Study, segment awards. Ford received five segment awards took four segments.

Chevrolet captured segment awards: Prius (car); Malibu (entry midsize); verado HD (heavy-duty pickup). Ford's three segments were the Thunderbird luxury car, Windstar (midsize) and E-Series (full-size).

Ironically, the study often reflect sales prospects of vehicles. Models that ranked among the three in their segments, the Oldsmobile Alero, Saturn, Regal and Saturn, Thunderbird, Chevrolet and S-10, are or were dropped, due to slow sales and redesigned and renamed.

For consumers, the dependability is even more important than the initial Odde, as it translates dollars at resale. Vehicle price above average in dependability typically \$1,000 more of their brands performing better average.

For auto manufacturers, term dependability also to do with customer.

buyer of a vehicle with term dependability is to re-purchase the same brand, Odde said.

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Set up a car pool to save gas money

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Tired of paying too much at the gas pump? If yes, it might be time for you and the neighbors to get together and do something about it — by forming a car pool.

Car pools provide a solid method of easing driving and fuel expenses. Car pools are hardly a new idea. Over the years, countless families have used them to transport children to and from school or other activities.

Starting a car pool can be an easy process that may only require a simple knock on a neighbor's door. If you'd like to form a car pool, keep the following points in mind:

■ Decide in advance the number of riders, who will

drive and when and how often the car pool will operate.

■ Agree on how riders will share expenses. Money to help cover the gas cost may not prove a factor if the car pool works on a rotating basis.

■ Make sure all drivers in the car pool have full auto insurance. If you are sharing the driving, ask your insurance company if your premium can be lowered because you are driving less.

■ Arrange routes and pickup points, either at homes or more central locations.

■ Set a time limit for how long the driver will wait for a tardy passenger.

■ Establish car pool guidelines for eating, drinking, smoking or playing music during the trip.

■ If organizing a car pool

through a local RideShare program, locate drivers and riders within a convenient area and with similar driving hours. Try to get together with prospective riders before starting the program.

This can help people more comfortable with another before shared commuting begins. If you have reservations about anyone in a car pool, either opt out of it or join it on a trial basis.

■ Take a few car pool runs with riders to work out any problems or to make certain everyone involved is comfortable with the arrangements.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy; Mid-America Regional Council. Edited and compiled by Chuck Myers.

Club Sportiva pioneers timeshares for classic and exotic cars

CLUB SPORTIVA
SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time, aficionados can get behind the wheel of their dreams, without the hassles of ownership, with a Club Sportiva timeshare membership. Members can select from one of five exquisitely maintained cars ranging from a 1982 green Morgan Plus 8 roadster to a 1993 red Ferrari 308 GTSi Quattrovalve. Members can choose one of four packages, from "Trial" to "Titanium." Like other timeshare programs, Club Sportiva packages are based on a point system. Through each package, members purchase a specific number of points based on the anticipated annual driving days. The number of points used with each driving day is determined by two factors: the car selected—so, for example, a Ferrari differs substantially from a Triumph—and the time of year for the drive. Memberships begin at \$5 per year, with a one-time administrative fee of \$250.

Cost of ownership versus timeshare

The costs associated with owning and maintaining a classic car can be prohibitive, but the very wealthy, Club Sportiva's founder and operating partner, Torbin Fuller, estimates an annual cost of nearly \$7,000 to lease, park and maintain a 1969 Jaguar. Paying off the loan to purchase the car can add another \$10,000 each year. If, for example, the car is only driven 16 days annually, the cost for each driving day can add up to over \$1,000.

With a Club Sportiva "Platinum" membership, car enthusiasts own 7-16 driving days based on the car they select from the club's padlock, for an annual fee of \$3,195. Currently Club Sportiva's collection includes 15 cars:

- 1982 yellow Corvette convertible
- 1982 green Morgan Plus 8 roadster
- 1991 red Porsche 356B Cabriolet
- 1991 red Porsche 911 Carrera 4
- 1974 red Triumph TR6 roadster
- 1990 red Bentley Turbo R
- 1998 black Mercedes-Benz SLK
- 1994 yellow Lotus Esprit S4
- 1983 red Ferrari 308 GTSi Quattrovalve

- 2003 blue Mini Cooper
- 1991 green Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce
- 2003 blue Porsche Boxster
- 2003 silver BMW Z4 convertible
- 1991 green Aston Martin Virage
- 1969 green Jaguar E-type roadster

(XKE)
Cars are carefully selected before joining the stable, so only two or three are added annually. Torbin anticipates adding a 1994 Ferrari 348 Spider, 1996 Acura NSX, Porsche 911 C4 cabriolet and a 1969 Camaro convertible later this summer. The cars are stored in Club Sportiva's San Francisco paddock and clubhouse and can be delivered to members at either of the Club's two Bay Area locations.

"We created Club Sportiva to make dreams come true," says Torbin, a self-proclaimed classic car 'nut.' "Car lovers can now enjoy a classic car, without worrying about costly maintenance or upkeep. They can just get behind the wheel and drive."

Club Sportiva membership packages also include invitations to special clubhouse events, complimentary use of the Club Sportiva car paddock and clubhouse for private parties, travel and subscription discounts and incentive points for member referrals. "Daily Drives" are also available to non-members for one or two day motoring expeditions around the Bay Area.

Club Sportiva pioneered the classic car timeshare concept in 2003. Today, it has more than 100 members, ranging in age from 33 to 68. Members include legendary racer Mario Andretti and Apollo 12 astronaut Dick Gordon. Though most members are men, there are several women members.

In 2004, Club Sportiva acquired the marketing and sales rights to Euro Sportiva, a collection of 30 exotic cars based near Munich, Germany. Euro Sportiva provides Americans traveling to Europe a one-of-a-kind rental from a prestigious collection of Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Bentleys. Cars are delivered to travelers nearly anywhere in Europe. Established in 1993, this unparalleled car collection is Europe's largest. Euro Sportiva also offers a wide range of driving tours to several of Europe's most scenic destinations.

For more information, please visit www.clubsportiva.com.



AT CLUB SPORTIVA, car aficionados can get behind the wheel of the car of their dreams, without the hassles of ownership. (Pictured from top to bottom: Porsche, Lotus and Corvette.)



The Lexus GX 470 is both rugged and refined

G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

If the baby Lexus SUV, the RX, isn't just the price; the GX is the off-the-line model, the LX 470, a bit of overkill, then you just want to consider one of my favorites—the GX 470, which is the midway between the

line that originally (in the mid-80s) was nothing more than a compact Toyota pickup with the bed closed in to add a second seat and protected cargo area.

In its third year, the GX 470 got a few changes for 2005, including a bit more power for the 4.7-liter I-Force V8 engine — up to 270 horsepower from last year's 235. This is a version of the V8 engine also used in the Toyota Tundra pickup and the LX 470, as well as the new 4Runner (the first V8 in that line).

The extra power comes from adjustable valve timing with intelligence, as well as a new electronic throttle-control system, the company said. Torque also was boosted slightly, to 330 foot-pounds, up from 320 last year.

Also new for '05 is a sport package (\$1,800, included on our test model) that gives the GX 470 black bird's eye maple interior trim, chrome exhaust tip, and a new "kinetic dynamic suspension," smoked front and rear light bezels, as well as 17-inch alloy wheels and a roof rack, both with a dark-graphite finish.

The optional navigation system (\$3,050), which also was included on our vehicle, comes with Bluetooth wireless capability for 2005.

With its decent styling and Toyota/Lexus' legendary quality, the GX 470 is a great choice for luxury SUV buyers who want a vehicle that is considerably more rugged than the car-based crossovers such as the Infiniti FX45, yet still very refined.

While the RX 330 is favored by female buyers or primary drivers, more than half of GX 470 buyers or primary drivers are men, with a median age in the mid-40s, and most of them married.

At this price, the car attracts consumers whose average household incomes range from \$150,000 to \$210,000, the company said.

Although most people are loathe to take a \$50,000-plus ve-

hicle off road, one of the top selling points for the GX 470 is that it can go just about anywhere at just about any time, thanks to its full-time four-wheel drive, which includes low-range gearing for serious hill-climbing or mud-running.

Helping the GX 470 make its way over rugged trails are such features as its torque-sensing center differential and a hill-descent feature that allows the vehicle to crawl safely down steep trails with no braking necessary. There's also a special hill-hold feature that will keep the vehicle from rolling backward (with no pressure on the brake pedal) if it's paused on a steep uphill grade.

The vehicle has a standard body-on-frame truck platform, but nevertheless is designed to ride like a car on the highway.

There is room for up to eight people in the GX 470 with the optional third-seat package (\$2,030), which also includes a rear air conditioning unit. That's an improvement over the previous-generation 4Runner, which had no third-seat capability.

Our review model, with just about everything you can get on the GX 470, rang up at \$55,538. But really, you can get a very nice GX 470 without all the extra gadgetry for the \$46,225 base price.

Among the extras on our vehicle was a rear-seat DVD entertainment system (\$1,560), with a pair of wireless headphones and remote control. The LCD screen folds down from the ceiling. This is great for the kids, particularly on long trips. The navigation system also brought a wonderful Mark Levinson audio system, which includes a 14-speaker, 240-watt premium stereo with a six-disc CD changer in the glove box.

A tow package on the GX 470 allows it to tow up to 6,500 pounds.

Fuel economy is not as bad as it is in some luxury SUVs. EPA ratings are 15 miles per gallon in the city and 19 mpg on the highway.

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The Lincoln Mark LT is a stand-out ride for the jet-set cowboy

BY MARK PHELAN
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

If you're a Texas beef baron, you might get tired of seeing every Tom, Dick and Billy Bob pulling up to the Cattleman's Club in their maxed-out Ford F-150 King Ranch 4x4 crew-cab pickups.

You don't want to run with that herd. That's why your boots are ostrich skin and your gun rack holds a Holland & Holland shotgun instead of a Winchester.

Has Lincoln got the pickup for you.

The 2006 Lincoln Mark LT is all about standing out. It succeeds brilliantly, thanks to a rich-looking interior and the enthusiastic — but tasteful — use of exterior chrome.

I tested a well-equipped Mark LT 4x4 with a sticker price of \$46,810. Prices for a base rear-drive Mark LT start at \$39,200. Four-wheel-drive models start at \$42,700. All prices exclude destination charges.

The LT is structurally and mechanically identical to the Ford F-150 pickup. All LTs

ride on the F-150's short wheelbase and feature a crew cab with four conventional doors and a 5½-foot bed.

The Mark LT's only direct competition comes from the Cadillac Escalade EXT, which has a base price of \$53,335.

The two vehicles illustrate the yawning gap between the two U.S. luxury brands. The EXT's angular styling screams, "Here comes something different." It offers a long list of technically advanced standard features, including electronic stability control and full-time all-wheel-drive.

The LT is much more conservative. It uses the same 5.4-liter, 300-horsepower V8 engine as the F-150, and its optional dual-range four-wheel-drive system is controlled by a dial on the dashboard.

Cadillac pushes the envelope. Lincoln is traditional American luxury — signed, sealed, delivered.

The Escalade EXT is more to my taste,

but the Mark LT is exactly the pickup Lincoln wanted it to be, and it's likely to delight its owners.

It certainly has curb appeal to spare. Heads turned to follow it down the road, and other drivers wriggled through traffic to get a better look and flash thumbs-up.

The LT that I tested had a magnificent paint job, a rich pewter with rosy hints that looked as deep and lustrous as wet nail polish.

The gleaming grille uses Lincoln's traditional waterfall design of vertical chrome strips, but the last time you saw a waterfall this size was in National Geographic.

At first glance, the interior is equally appealing. Front- and rear-seat passengers have plenty of space, and the controls are easy to read and use.

Most of the materials, particularly the leather seats, look and feel fine. The fits between most of the pieces are tight and consistent.

That attention to detail makes one flaw all the more glaring: The ebony wood trim on the instrument panel is poorly fitted, like a badly laid tile that stubs your toe every time you walk across the floor.

The Mark LT also lacks several interior features that should be standard on luxury vehicles. The steering wheel tilts but does not telescope, and the power adjustable pedals and side mirrors are not linked to the memory seats.

Even though the Escalade EXT went on sale in November 2001, it does feature memory pedals and mirrors.

The EXT also has electronic stability control, another feature the Lincoln doesn't offer. Both trucks have standard anti-lock brakes.

The LT's box is a couple of inches longer than the EXT, and an optional bed extender adds to its practicality. The EXT, however, features GM's unique midgate, which allows the driver to lower the cab's

rear wall and create a cargo area more than 8 feet long with the tailgate down. Rear-object detection is on the LT but standard on the EXT.

On the road, I found the Mark LT remarkably quiet and comfortable. The LT's 8,900-pound towing capacity is a big pickup, but the LT's 345-horsepower V8 engine is a more powerful engine in a pickup than the Lincoln of pickup.

The 5.4-liter V8's 300-horsepower output is a big pickup, but the LT's 345-horsepower V8 engine is a more powerful engine in a pickup than the Lincoln of pickup.

It does nothing to advance the idea that a Lincoln is anything more than a Ford with a plush interior and a badge, though, and that's a shame.

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6679 Brann St - \$365,000
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508 Fairbanks Av - \$980,000
3711 Field St - \$575,000
2013 Filbert St - \$630,000
2586 Foothill Bl M - \$305,000
989 Franklin St 501 - \$300,000
1000 Glendora Av - \$753,000
10227 Graffian St - \$430,000
1638 Grand View - \$1,730,000
8049 Greenridge - \$785,000
5895 Grizzly Peak - \$2,075,000
6615 Gunn Dr - \$725,000
5746 Harmon Av - \$405,000
2712 Harrison St - \$775,000
7511 Hillside St - \$393,000
1772 Indian Wy - \$746,000
6005 International - \$430,000
1906 Irving Av - \$430,000
551 Jean St - \$319,000
1 Kelton Ct 3K - \$350,000
1 Kelton Ct 5A - \$360,000
5828 Kingsley Cr - \$319,000
6123 Laird Av - \$540,000
1 Lakeside 1709 - \$507,000
1 Lakeside 1910 - \$737,000
151 Lakeside 208 - \$365,000
1 Lakeside 718 - \$375,000
3227 Laurel Av - \$505,000
6042 Leona St - \$690,000
2917 MacArthur 4A - \$362,000
3261 MacArthur Bl - \$340,000
6300 MacArthur Bl - \$510,000
817 Mead Av - \$384,000
33 Merriewood Cr - \$650,000
3064 Middleton St - \$637,000
3424 Monterey Bl - \$720,000
2015 Myrtle St - \$293,500
7863 Ney Av - \$460,000
311 Oak St 511 - \$626,000
311 Oak St 512 - \$610,000
6898 Oakwood - \$885,000
5860 Ocean View - \$940,000
9922 Palmera Ct - \$325,000
320 Park View 206 - \$420,000

PIEDMONT

415 Pala Av - \$1,110,000

RICHMOND

620 13th St - \$340,000
546 18th St - \$340,000
807 23rd St - \$375,000
612 33rd St - \$405,000
733 35th St - \$465,000
794 35th St - \$539,000
649 39th St - \$450,000
655 41st St - \$440,000
1815 5th St - \$395,000
657 6th St - \$415,000
6420 Arlington - \$675,000
165 Bayside Ct - \$389,000
33 Bayside Ct - \$342,000
47 Bayside Ct - \$345,000
613 Civic Center - \$420,000
6402 Claremont - \$555,000
2011 Costa Av - \$440,000
2532 Duke Av - \$360,000
417 Fieldstone Dr - \$775,000
5707 Fresno Av - \$485,000
2546 Garvin Av - \$470,000
2718 Grant Av - \$425,000
50 Greenview Ln - \$405,500
716 Griffin Dr - \$390,000
65 Grove St - \$475,000
344 Hawk Ridge - \$877,000
6111 Huntington - \$375,000
486 Key Bl - \$516,000
1064 Lassen St - \$689,000
124 Marina Lakes - \$368,500
137 Marina Lakes - \$398,500
14 Marina Lakes - \$421,000
16 Marina Lakes - \$384,000
239 Marina Lakes - \$366,500
3547 May Rd - \$650,000
3618 McBryde Av - \$500,000
17 Montana St - \$641,500
3203 Moran Av - \$485,000
3756 Morningside - \$650,000
3522 Ohio Av - \$372,500
3628 Park Ridge Dr - \$831,000
3104 Parker Rd - \$525,000
2712 Pine Av - \$435,000
1400 Pinnacle 101 - \$584,500
1529 Potrero Av - \$310,000
5635 San Jose Av - \$551,000
2510 Shane Dr - \$525,000
5427 Solano Av - \$361,000
421 South 15th St - \$350,000
128 South 39th St - \$370,000
4585 Utah Dr - \$550,000
938 View Dr - \$500,000
2701 Wendell Av - \$500,000

SAN LEANDRO

1737 140th Av - \$650,000
1428 152nd Av - \$471,000
14625 Acacia St - \$580,000
3739 Anza Wy - \$560,000
980 Bridge Rd - \$710,000
1293 Brown Ct - \$535,000
1181 C'brooke Cms - \$690,500
1185 C'brooke Cms - \$675,500
1188 C'brooke Cms - \$701,000
1190 C'brooke Cms - \$668,500
1356 Drake Av - \$530,000
1370 Drake Av - \$470,000
14101 E.14th 214 - \$255,000
700 Flume Ct - \$540,000
1121 Halcyon Dr - \$375,000
740 Juana Av - \$580,000
723 Jubilee Ln - \$815,000
381 Lao Av - \$480,000
895 Lewelling 21 - \$352,000
1476 Linton St - \$480,000
14965 Patton Av - \$481,000
1981 Placer Dr - \$710,000
2190 Placer Dr - \$599,000
2191 Placer Dr - \$431,000
14030 Reed Av - \$395,000
14180 Rose Dr - \$545,000

14220 Rose Dr - \$500,000

15647 Russell Ct - \$530,000
16280 Saratoga - \$1,025,000
1383 Sayre St - \$587,000
1306 Trojan Av - \$560,000
715 Warden Av - \$535,000
14623 Wiley St - \$519,000
896 Williams St - \$502,000

SAN LORENZO

1326 Culver Pl - \$415,000
15892 Devonwood - \$665,000
898 Linnea Av - \$505,000
16149 Penn Av - \$512,500
17079 Via Del Rey - \$650,000
17157 Via Del Rey - \$598,500
15936 Via Media - \$555,000
16041 Via Nueva - \$648,500

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$273,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,360,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$725,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$724,050

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$569,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,208,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$681,768

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$482,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,900,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$824,286

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$490,438

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$512,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$407,250

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$775,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$868,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$914,333

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 139

LOWEST PRICE: \$1,110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,110,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,110,000

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$1,110,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 63
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$400,000

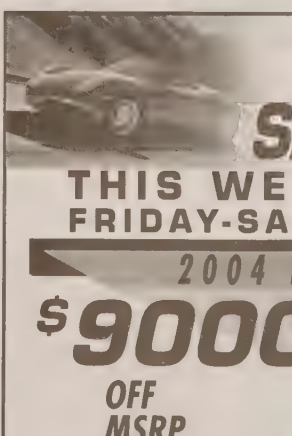
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TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,000

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$415,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$555,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$555,000

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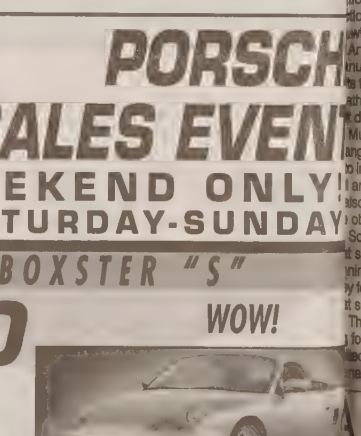
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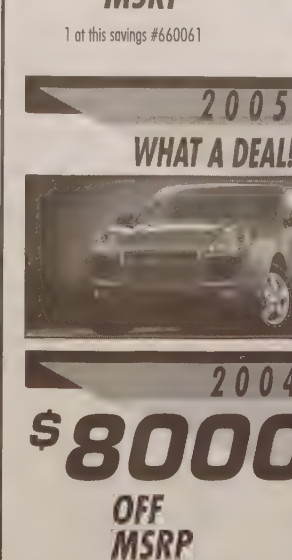
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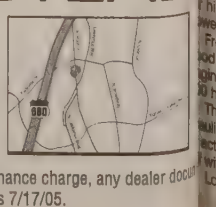
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BE KIND TO THE ENVIRONMENT. PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER.

Collectibles that come with everything, including the kitchen sink

BY CHRIS DIXON
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The motor home in Bill and Nita Bryant's driveway in Pleasant Val-
N.Y., is nearly 30 years old and
to adventures, but there is no
it is ready to join its own-
in retirement.
Still modern in appearance, even
what futuristic, their GMC Mo-
home seems to share little with
boxy recreational vehicles typi-
seen in America's camp-
pounds, more closely resembling
monial that has escaped from
anyland.
GMC's house on wheels, built
General Motors' truck-making di-
group from 1973 to '78, has an ador-
bly every detail of its innovative
design, from the unusual front-
drive layout to the aircraft-
like body construction. While many
its contemporaries languish in
yards, the Jetsonesque GMC
joys a following of enthusiasts
to swap historical tidbits and dig
into their bank accounts for
tasteful restorations.
The Bryants' enthusiasm goes
their house — the one with
wheels, about 85 miles north
New York City — has become a
testimony for what many consider
the ultimate collection of mem-
abilia for a camper that refuses to

drive off into the sunset.

"The nice thing about a GMC is
that it's a real cruiser," said Bill
Bryant, who is 72. "And as old as
these things are, if you keep them
in shape, people will even come up
and ask where they can find one."

It is not hard to understand the
technical appeal that this roadgog-
ing manor holds for Bryant, who
was an engineer for IBM in 1984
when he bought the bright green
Palm Beach, a 1976 model with lime
shag carpet, for \$27,500.

Stylish and streamlined com-
pared with the RVs of the day — the
shape was refined in a wind tunnel
— its front-drive power train, based
on the 455-cubic-inch V8 engine
and transmission from an Oldsmo-
bile Toronado, eliminated the need
for a long driveshaft to the rear
wheels, giving it a low floor. The sus-
pension was self-leveling, a great
convenience when setting up camp.
"That was very novel in '73," Bryant
said. "Even today, people get out
their two-by-sixes to level their RVs."

Taking a cue from the aerospace
industry, the GMC's body used a
framework of aluminum; the skin
was bonded to the ribs with adhe-
sive rather than rivets, helping to
maintain a smooth exterior surface.
The motor home was available
in two lengths, 23 or 26 feet, and
offered a choice of 15 floor plans
designed with the help of House &

Garden magazine. The interiors,
which now seem wonderfully retro-
groovy in their wild color schemes
and paisley, plaid, polka-dot or
flower-pattern upholstery, clearly ar-
ticulated the decorative vocabulary
of the 1970s.

"Some of them had orange shag
carpeting and avocado accents,"
Roger Townsend, of Laguna Beach,
Calif., said. "That stuff has been
ripped out by most people, but oth-
ers want them precisely vintage."

In 1973, a well-outfitted 26-foot
model cost \$14,569, while a 23-foot
version went for \$13,569. Prices
climbed rapidly through the pro-
duction years; by the end of the run,
fully outfitted coaches were priced
at about \$40,000, though GM re-
portedly still lost money on each sale.

Unfortunately for GM, the motor
home ran headlong into the energy
crises of the 1970s, deflating the ap-
peal of a 10-mile-a-gallon vehicle.
In all, 12,921 GMCs were produced.
Cliff Golby, who owns a GMC
restoration business in Orlando, Fla.,
estimates that more than 5,000 are
still on the road.

Golby owns the body panel
molds and tooling for the GMC, hav-
ing bought them from an entrepre-
neur who intended to put the mo-
tor home back into production, so
today it is possible to buy replace-
ments for nearly any component on

the vehicles. Golby's company of-
fers full restorations that can cost
more than \$100,000.

Townsend, an anesthesiologist,
owns a somewhat rare 23-foot
model that he purchased for \$5,000.
To date, he said, he has probably
spent \$20,000 adding a rebuilt en-
gine, transmission, new dashboard,
Naugahyde interior, refrigerator,
kitchen counter, stove and convec-
tion oven. He added that he is only
halfway through the project.

"They don't command a huge
price," he said. "You do this out of
love, because it's fun and turns you
on. You don't do it for resale."

For the Bryants and many oth-
ers, the rewards of owning a GMC
comes in the people they meet on
camping trips or at any of dozens
of annual rallies that can draw like-
minded owners for socializing and
GMC technical seminars. Each year,
Bryant and his wife spend months
crosscountrying the country and visit-
ing daughters in Illinois and Texas.
"If I had been home all this
time, I don't know if I would've
lasted 50 years," Nita Bryant said,
referring to their half-century of mar-
riage.

Mark Elmer, of Eagle Mountain,
Utah, is in his fourth year as a GMC
motor home owner. When reached
by telephone, Elmer, an auto-parts
sales manager, said that he was out-
side replacing rubber body cush-

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cruiser." And as old as these things are, if you
keep them in shape, people will even come up
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— Bill Bryant, GMC motorhome owner

ions on his 1977 Palm Beach. "Back
when I was in high school," he said,
"I thought it was the coolest motor
home I had ever seen."

Elmer found his GMC for sale in
Idaho for \$6,000. "I basically begged
my wife to please let me buy this
thing," he said. "Boy, has it opened
up all kinds of new vistas."

"It's like a member of the family,"
Elmer said he was amazed by the
ready access to repair parts and
technical support now available
through an Internet-based culture
of GMC vendors and bloggers.

"It's become a lifestyle," Elmer
said. "I suppose the day will come
when I'm too old to tinker with it,
but I can't imagine I'll ever feel that
way. They can bury me in it."

Here are some upcoming events
where GMC and other types of mo-
tor homes will be on display.

■ **July 21-24:** GMC Classics
Summer Rally, Red River Ranch RV
Park, Thackerville, Okla. Informa-
tion: 800-568-7837 or www.gmc-

classics.com.

■ **Aug. 1-5:** GMC Eastern States
Summer Rally, Drummer Boy
Camping Resort, Gettysburg, Pa.
Information: 518-392-3238 or
juder@taconic.net.

■ **Aug. 15-18:** Family Motor
Coach Association's 74th Interna-
tional Convention, North Dakota
State Fairgrounds, Minot, N.D. In-
formation: 800-543-3622 or emmy-
dunlap@aol.com.

■ **Sept. 21-26:** GMC Western
States Fall Rally, Elk Meadow RV
Park, Estes Park, Colo. Informa-
tion: www.gmcws.org or 800-582-5342.

■ **Year-round:** RV and Motor
Home Heritage Museum, 801 Ben-
ham Ave., Elkhart, Ind. On display
at the museum of the Recreational
Vehicle and Motor Home Heritage
Foundation are travel trailers dating
back to 1913 and the oldest known
travel trailer that is not based on a
tent, a 1930 Earl. Information:
www.rv-mh-hall-of-fame.org or 800-
378-8694.

Car makers retoo designs to fit the expanding population

BY ROYAL FORD
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Auto makers are struggling with how to
deal with a growing segment of buyers:
obese Americans.

Like airlines, hospitals, and clothing and
motor homes, auto companies are ad-
justing to an ever more obese American
population. With little fanfare, car makers are
incorporating engineering and designs that
comfortably, and safely take the
into account.

That's one reason why the Honda Accord
sold in the United States is 2 inches
wider than the similar model that Honda sells
Europe and Japan.

It's one reason why seats in some Gen-
eral Motors models have longer rails to slide
allowing more space between the driver
and the steering wheel and the airbag in-
stallation.

It's one reason why adjustable pedals,
designed as a way to move short drivers
from airbags to ensure their safe op-
eration, also allow drivers with large mid-
sections to move well back from the steer-
ing wheel.

It's one reason why a Japanese
manufacturer is developing inflatable seats
that could cushion the impact of bones
in a crash, fat body with a taut seat
during a collision.

Much of the engineering and design
changes are happening below the radar. An
industry adage proclaims that "you can't
fit an old man's car to an old man," and it
also accepted that a car billed as built for
obese would turn away many buyers.
So just as elderly drivers have found cars
that suit their needs, obese buyers are be-
coming more likely to learn to try out cars to see how
they feel and to find the unheralded features
that suit them.

The minute a vehicle is branded as be-
ing for a group such as the obese, "you've
lost your audience," said Sam Loricchio,
chief of communications for group de-

sign at Chrysler Corp. "Those who aren't
that, or who are but don't want to be called
that, aren't going to buy it."

The number of obese car buyers is grow-
ing. The American Medical Association
estimates that 31 percent of adult Amer-
icans are obese. As a result, the auto in-
dustry is quietly on alert, not just over issues
of comfort presented by obesity, but also over
safety.

"The fact that people are getting larger
is something we all have to consider," said
Debra A. Senytko, engineering specialist for
occupant accommodation at General Motors
Corp.

Overweight people have an increased
chance of injury or death in an accident. A
2002 study by the University of Washington
at Seattle reported that a person weighing
242-262 pounds was more than twice as
likely to die in a crash as a 132-pound per-
son.

Part of the reason is extra weight hurting
forward; part of it is that obese people tend
to have more underlying health problems
that make recovery from injuries more diffi-
cult; and part of it is that at times it can be
harder to extricate an obese person from the
tight grip of a crumpled wreck.

But the main problem is one of simple
physics, said Richard Kent, assistant pro-
fessor of mechanical and aerospace engi-
neering and emergency medicine at the Uni-
versity of Virginia at Charlottesville.

In a crash, a seat belt is meant to tightly
and instantly grip bone: hip, stomach, shoul-
der, ribs. That means that fat isn't a safety
cushion in a crash. It can be harmful.

An obese person, with several inches of
fat between belt and bones, is loosely belted
because "body fat is like air, like a gap be-
tween you and the belt," Kent said. Potentially
catastrophic contact results, because
"the bigger you are, the more force over a
longer period of time needs to be applied to
stop you."

This means that, in a crash, the belt

snaps back through that gap and slams into
the skeleton or organs as they hurtle for-
ward. If the seat belt does not quickly en-
counter the pelvis, for example, "it goes into
your bowel, your stomach," Kent said. "You
can only put a few hundred pounds of force
on it before you start tearing things up."

Testing has shown that this gap might let
the obese slide from behind seat belts dur-
ing rollovers.

To better understand the needs of obese
people, auto makers have helped fund the
Civilian American and European Surface An-
thropometry Resource, a private-public pro-
ject more commonly called CAESAR, di-
rected by Kathleen Robinette, a research
anthropologist at the Air Force Research
Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base in Dayton, Ohio.

The CAESAR study has used a three di-
mensional scanner to log images of 13,000
men and women, from anorexic to morbidly
obese. These figures, short standing and sit-
ting, are used not only in car design, but
also for military purposes, furniture manu-
facturing, and in the clothing industry.

Car makers are using the images to elec-
tronically place them behind the wheel or in
the passenger seats of their vehicles.

Take one of these images, Robinette said,
"put them in the seat, and you say, 'Oh, wow,
that person's not going to be able to turn
the steering wheel.'" It provides an electronic
illustration of why longer seat rails in cars or
adjustable pedals can be beneficial.

Robinette said the figures can also illus-
trate how a short, obese person might not
be able to reach dashboard controls or how
thick legs can block access to other con-
trols at seat-side.

The life and function of increasingly high-
tech seats must also be considered. Large
occupants wear through seat covers and
padding more rapidly. Their weight can also
affect seat-based heaters, cooling systems,
and air bag sensors. There have been in-
stances, of heavily compressed seats caus-

ing serious overheating of the foam in which
heaters are housed.

But for designers and manufacturers, said
Kent, the balance between building for the
obese and building for smaller drivers and

occupants is precarious. What benefits one
group might impose discomfort or danger
on another.

"By the end of the day, you only have so
many arrows to hit so many targets," he said.

bodyworks car-repair shop in Fountain Valley makes amphibious vehicles

BY JEFF OVERLEY
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

FOUNTAIN VALLEY — On a good day,
March's custom-built Chevy Camaro
can go up to 45 mph — but only if the wa-
ters are calm.

What appears to be nothing more than
a sleek sports car designed for the road
is actually an amphibious car, a ride that
has new meaning to all-terrain vehicle.
For March, who recently reopened his
Fountain Valley bodyworks car-repair
shop, the Water Car is the product of
years of retirement, a gargantuan
collection of power tools and an un-
believable itch to, as his wife, Laurie, puts
it, "build a better whatever." March, 50,
was a multimillionaire after 23
years of fixing dents and airbrushing
onto truck fenders. Awash in
time, he and son Chad re-
opened a 1984 Amphicar, a defunct,
German sedan that's the only am-
phibious vehicle that has been
produced.

Amphicar's performance, however,
appointing, more of a Sunday ride
than a thrill. "You just felt like you were
going around," March recalls. "I started
to feel the need, just as it was when March
was buying up dune buggies and go-karts
for his two sons or when he was adding
to his Jet Skis or Harley-Davidson.
From road to river, out from under the
hood of the 2002 Camaro came the stock
into the trunk went a turbocharged,
horsepower Subaru motor.

The car was made retractable with hy-
draulic pistons; aluminum planks were attached
to the sides. The transmission was sealed
with fiberglass to keep water out.
To relieve the mishaps of first test-

ing the Water Car, March is jovially terse.
"Let's put it this way: I haven't sunk one."
Once all the kinks were ironed out, the Ca-
maro could hit the water at more than 20
mph and keep going without a hitch. It's
nifty how the Water Car can tow skiers and
keep up with boats, March says, but its abil-
ity to hold stride from land to sea is icing
on the cake.

Chad says that when people see the car
hit the water, "they go grab a bunch of rope
to pull us out." "They think we're drunk or
the brakes went out," he says.

Back in business The Water Car was
never intended to be a business venture,
March says. But in April, the company leas-
ing March's old Fountain Valley Bodyworks
property went belly up. March still owned
the shop and decided it was time to reopen
the site and use it as the production hub
for the Water Car.

The re-entry into the market spoke to
March's lust for sleek hot rods and pierc-
ing exhausts, says Bodyworks general man-
ager Mike Honrath, a friend of March's for
25 years. But even more, Honrath says, it
became a testament to his character.

Many employees at the bankrupt com-
pany, also a collision shop, saw their pay-
checks bounce when the doors suddenly
closed. March covered the paychecks and
kept the employees on working for him.

"It's a great feeling to work for someone
that has that kind of attitude toward his em-
ployees," Honrath says.

Still, Honrath adds, March's past suc-
cess — based on insisting on strong work-
— a demand that appears unlikely to dis-
appear as the Water Car takes off.

Making a splash March says he's re-
ceived more than 8,000 inquiries and two
dozen down payments for the car, which
costs \$150,000, excluding both Department
of Motor Vehicles and Department of Boat-

ing and Waterways registration. He's got
hundreds of e-mails from wealthy island-
hoppers in Dubai, United Arab Emirates,
and several proposals to use the Water Car
in soft-drink commercials.

Proving-ground testing of the civilian
Water Car is pegged for fall, and March
hopes Water Cars will be ready for sale by
spring.

He's also pursuing federal funding for a
military version of the car, a concept em-
bodied in an amphibious yellow jeep that
March made. He's sent a white paper to the
U.S. Defense Advanced Research Pro-
jects Agency, but he won't discuss specifics.

March says he's far ahead of his main
competitor, a New Zealand entrepreneur
named Alan Gibbs who's advertising an
aquatic coupe called the Aquada.

Phil Gott, director of automotive con-
sulting for Global Insight, an international
economic-analysis group, said previous
failed attempts at amphibious cars don't
bode well for the Aquada or March's river-
ready Camaro.

"They weren't much of a boat, and they
weren't much of a car," Gott said.

"They were a novelty, and I don't ex-
pect much from anything else." But March
says the Water Car succeeded a long time
ago during a 2004 Memorial Day trip to
Lake Havasu. As vacationers waited in
a long line at a boat-launch ramp, March
steered the Camaro unassumingly down
to the water.

He drove the Water Car straight into
the lake, sprayed a fountain from the car's
Jet-Ski-style intake and wowed the crowd.
When he came back in, March recalls,
men were cheering, families were snap-
ping photos and bikini-clad girls were
clamoring for a ride.

"That's when I realized," he says, "all the
work, all the effort, was really worthwhile."

SUMMER LEASE SPECIALS!

1.9% APR FINANCING
ON NEW 2005 ELEMENTS
An Approved Super-Trimmed Credit through A.H.F.C.

2005 CIVIC VP SEDAN

ALL IN STOCK!

Automatic, CD, Air Conditioning, Model #F51635W

LEASE \$149 PER MONTH
FOR ONLY...
36 month closed end lease; \$1,995 at start of lease; \$0 security deposit required; plus tax; 15 cents per mile charge over 12,000 miles per year. On Approved Credit. Credit through A.H.F.C.

OR PURCHASE \$13,918 FOR ONLY...

38 MPG HWY

2005 ACCORD LX SEDAN

ALL IN STOCK!

Automatic, Power Windows & Locks, Air Conditioning, CD Model #F516454W

LEASE \$199 PER MONTH
FOR ONLY...
36 month closed end lease; \$1,995 at start of lease; \$0 security deposit required; plus tax; 15 cents per mile charge over 12,000 miles per year. On Approved Credit. Credit through A.H.F.C.

OR PURCHASE \$19,170 FOR ONLY...

SIDE CURTAIN AIR BAGS

2005 CRV LX

ALL IN STOCK!

Automatic, Air Conditioning, CD, Power Windows/Locks Model #RD7855EW

LEASE \$259 PER MONTH
FOR ONLY...
48 month closed end lease; \$1,995 at start of lease; \$0 security deposit required; plus tax; 15 cents per mile charge over 12,000 miles per year. On Approved Credit. Credit through A.H.F.C.

OR PURCHASE \$20,280 FOR ONLY...

4WD

2005 PILOT EX

ALL IN STOCK!

Automatic, Power Windows/Locks, 6 Disc CD, Alloy, Seats 8 Model #F51845EW

LEASE \$289 PER MONTH
FOR ONLY...
36 month closed end lease; \$1,995 at start of lease; \$0 security deposit required; plus tax; 15 cents per mile charge over 12,000 miles per year. On Approved Credit. Credit through A.H.F.C.

OR PURCHASE \$27,612 FOR ONLY...

4WD

80 PRE-OWNED VEHICLES IN STOCK!

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NEW DOWNTOWN LOCATION NEXT TO TARGET

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RICHMOND

Augusta at Country Club Vista
From the low \$800,000s: Augusta offers 4-6 bedroom homes with up to 3600 sq. ft., next to Richmond Country Club. SCS Development Company. Open daily 10:30am-6pm. 510-669-0473. www.scsdevelopment.com

From the upper \$800,000s

community offers the rare combination of luxury location and lifestyle unequaled by comparison. Seascift at Point Richmond features magnificent single-family homes with spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay and City beyond while overlooking the Brickyard Cove Marina. Conveniently located in quaint Point Richmond, this new community has local charm and beauty and features a fresh water pond and acres of open space all in your own backyard. Open daily 11-6 510-234-8900

From the low \$400,000s. Now Selling. West Sacramento home buyers will want to visit this community. Offering proximity to lively downtown Sacramento, the American River, and commute routes 1512 to 2976 sq. ft. featuring appealing architectural design with flexible floorplans. Please call 877-520-3670 newportmodels@junc.com

SOUTH AFRICA

Summit at Fountain Grove
Priced at \$1,312,500. Last Chance! Private location sets the tone for this enchanting 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 4,218 sq. ft. hilltop home situated on 7 acres. Meticulously designed floorplan with customizable room options and incredible surrounding amenities make this classic-

directions (707) 641-7008

Abelia Villas
From the mid \$400,000s. Distinctive Mission-style 2 & 3 bedroom single-level and courtyard townhomes. Approx. 1,000-1,400 sq. ft. with direct access, 1 and 2 car garages. Convenient to I-80, highways, BART.

Turn left at Road 20 and right on
call (510) 236-8215 or go to www

Norris Canyon Estates
From the mid \$1,700,000s. This extraordinary guard-gated community is nestled among some of the most beautiful landscape in the desert.

sprinkled amidst the hills and vine community. The tranquil location

access to prime business centers and award-winning schools. These opulent homes feature majestic two-story foyers, staircases, fabulous gourmet kitchens, luxurious master bedroom suites, spacious sunlit family rooms, private dens, and lower level bonus rooms in numerous stunning floorplans from 4,200 to over 6,600 sq. ft. Two magnificent models Open Daily 11-6 (925) 743-1000

Gale Ranch
 5000 N. Hwy. 2000, 200

offers an exceptional living experience within this established master-planned golf course community. 5 Neighborhoods now open with 2 coming soon. 18 models to tour in a variety of styles and price ranges. Floor plans range from approx. 1465 sf to 5228 sf with up to 5 BR and 4.5 BA. Villapaseo 925 967 0001 Coronado 925 248 0136, Monarch 925 248 0112, Gallery 925 967 0002. The Pacific Palisades 925 967 0001. Green Country 925 967 0001.

How Selling Distinctive Homes from the low \$700,000s.
Family oriented master-planned community with many neighborhoods to choose from. Outstanding amenities include approx 1163 acres of open space, 12.5 miles of trails, approx 18 magnet parks, excellent San Ramon schools, new library, new

register for the community inter-

Stockton

Blossom Ranch
From the mid \$400,000's. *New Release!* Affordable single family homes offer 4 to 6 bedrooms with up to 2851 sq. ft. Open daily 10:30am

The Classics at Peterson Ranch
Priced from the mid \$400,000s. Six new elegant plans, 1581 to 2830 sq ft 3 and 4 bedrooms, some w/detached garages. Easy

Duck Creek
From the mid \$500,000s. **New Release!** Award Homes newest Tracy community of affordable single family homes. 4 bedrooms, up to 1828 sq. ft. These well-designed floor plans have many amenities and handy features. Call online or available at some place. To find

on Lammers Road, right on Byron Lane. Follow signs to the entrance

The Villages II and The Cottages II at Redbridge

Village II features three unique floorplans in approx. 1,945-2,226

5 beds and 2-3 baths. Beautiful Estates II homes features up to 4,347 sq ft. 4-5 beds and up to 5 baths. Redbridge includes a postcard center, tennis courts, walking promenades, and sports park with open playing field and picnic tables and an upcoming pool. 2624 Redbridge Road 209-833-7000 Open Sat-Thurs. 11am-5pm, Fri 2pm-5pm
www.standardpacifichomes.com

Mountain House
From the mid \$500,000s. See

with the best of yesterday and the brightest of tomorrow in mind. Now featuring five new neighborhoods offered by Centex, Lennar and Pulte ranging from 1,863 to 3,775 sq. ft. Discover the great value at www.mountainhouse.com

Hiddenbrooke

From the low \$700,000s...

community in Verojo at Arnold Palmer Signature golf course clubhouse. It is an open space. Visit the beautifully decorated models at The Orchards single-family detached homes by D R Horton Americas Builder. Call 707-554-9296 for The Orchards Coming Spring 2005. The Summit View homes by Taylor Woodrow Homes. For more information

The Largest Garage Sale Listings In The East Bay.
REACHING OVER 190,000 HOMES

Garage Sale

CALL 1-800-733-3933

Antioch
216 Marble Drive
 (Lone Tree to Ridge-
 left on Boulder
 left on Marble)
 Sat/Sun 8-2 some
 things for All. Proceeds
 to Adoption Fund.

BAY STREET
TURSDAY 9-3
 Furniture, toys,
 and misc.
 No Early Birds

6028 TENACHAPI WAY
 7/15-17 Fri-Sun, 9-2pm
 Clothing, crafts,
 jewelry, hshid, shoes,
 toys & misc.

Antioch Rivertown
Jamboree Fundraiser
 Sat & Sun, 9am-4pm
 1809 Terrace Dr.
 something for every-
 one! Info 925-754-5927

BACK YARD
SALE
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16
 Refrig., maple hutch
 and more.

Garage Sale
 1703 2nd St. N. 11th
 1234 2nd St. N. 11th
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Garage Sale
 1434 Pleasant Place
 Sat, 7/16, 9-1pm
 Books, furn, appls,
 misc. & more.

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Bethel Island
GIANT CHURCH YARD
Sale - Multiple Family
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16
 6270 Bethel Island Rd.
 (In the old Bethel
 Island Office)
 Clothes, hshid., appls
 toys, furn, tools, etc.

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Concord
MOVING SALE
 1888 Camino Estrada
 (Just off Ygnacio, N.
 Oakhurst St.)
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16
 Furn., clothing, hshid.,
 hshid. items, tools,
 kit, items, and etc.

MOVING SALE
 Fri/Sat 7/15-16, 9-3
 Bikes, clothes, furni-
 ture, toys, exercise
 equip., books, CDs
 1402 KANSAS CIRCL
 (off Louisiana Drive)

MOVING SALE
 Tools, furn, clothes,
 toys, children's items
 & kitchen-ware
 Sat, 9am-4pm
 2880 Hillside Ave.
 (by Solano Valley)

MULTI-FAMILY CT. SALE
 956, 958,
 959, & more, Chanel
 23 Sat, Only 8-3pm
 Furn, freezer, patio
 items, electronics etc.
 No Early Birds!

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
 7/15-7/16, 8-11, Minne-
 2809 Stimpson Ct.
 Pkwy. to 1219 Royal
 Ann Ct. Yd. tools, girls
 Sat, 7/16, 9-1pm
 clothes, vacuum, car
 items, etc.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
 SAT 7/16 & SUN 7/17
 1990 to 2pm
 1590 University Way
 Way, furniture, bikes,
 Sat, 7/16, 9-1pm
 baby toys, and misc.
 household items

1032 Spruce St
 (off Garin)
 Furniture, clothes,
 toys, etc.

Clayton
2 FAMILY
Garage Sale
 Sat 7/16, 9-1pm
 Lot of furniture
 household items &
 misc.

1402 Idaho Court
MULTI-FAMILY
MOVING
 Sat, 7/16, 8am-3pm
 (Pennysylvania)

141 Roslyn Dr
 Sat 7/16 7am-3pm
 furniture, household
 items, art, and more

ESTATE SALE
 Sat/Sun 7/16-17, 9-5
 973 Hastings Dr.
 bwn Barn, furn,
 Antiques, furn,
 hshid. goods,
 clothes, art, work-
 lectibles, appls., elec-
 tronics, and more.
 NO EARLY BIRDS!

EVERYTHING MUST GO
HUGE MOVING SALE
 Fri 7/15, 9-1pm
 1633 Humphrey Dr.
 6th St. Appils, couch-
 ers, dividers, com-
 puters, electronic
 lum, etc., refrig, too

FRIDAY/SAT 8-3PM
 Coll and more (n. Ayers)
 Crib & mat., rocking
 chair, set w/4 chrs.
 & bench, china cab-
 inet, table, and more
 clothing, Xmas & misc

Garage Sale
 3294 Claudia Cr.
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16, 9-3pm
 Bikes, clothes, hshid.
 items, tools, and more
 & A LITTLE BIT OF
 EVERYTHING

Garage Sale
 GOOD STUFF, NO JUNK
 Rugs, tables, dress-
 ing tables,
 printers, paintings
 Furniture, clothes, &
 household items

Garage Sale
 Clothes, W/ & Fridge
 3467 Hindsborough Dr.
 Sat, 7/16, 1am-1pm.

Garage Sale
 SAT-Sun, 10am-4pm
 1485 Cape Cod Way
 xst: Clayton
 EVERYTHING GOES!!!

Garage Sale
 GOT TOO MUCH STUFF
 GETTING RID OF
 SOME OF IT
 YARD SALE
 SAT 7/16, 9-5
 736 DRUMMOND PL
 CONCORD

Garage Sale
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 Coll and more (n. Ayers)
 Crib & mat., rocking
 chair, set w/4 chrs.
 & bench, china cab-
 inet, table, and more
 clothing, Xmas & misc

Garage Sale
 4233 Wilson Ln
 off Treat/Clayton
 GREAT FOR KIDS!
 Toys, barbies, hshid
 items, records, old
 house, lots of stuff!

HUGE 3 FAMILY
Garage Sale
 Good Stuff
 Sat-Sun 7/15-16, 8-4
 4025 Chestnut Ave
 925-827-1237

HUGE AP. COMPLEX
Yard Sale
 4265 Clayton Rd.
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16, 9-3pm
 Everything
 925-671-2806

1085 DISCOVERY WAY
 SAT, 7/16, 7-NOON
 TOYS AND KIDS STUFF
 DON'T MISS THIS!

Dublin
20+ Family Community
Garage Sale
 SAT/SUN 8am-3pm
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Garage Sale
 10868 Inspiration Cir.
 Sat/Sun 7/16-17, 11-4
 Furniture, electronics,
 books, toys, etc.

Garage Sale
 Furniture & other
 items.
 SAT 7/16 8am to 1pm
 7675 Fredericks Ln

Don't Miss This
GREAT OPPORTUNITY
 7399 Glenoaks Wy.
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16, 9-3pm
 Porcelain keepsakes
 & collectibles
 Christmas collecti-
 ons, All Brand New
 Furniture, houseware
 & TVs and electronics

El Cerrito
ESTATE YARD SALE
 Sat/Sun, 8:00 - 3:00
 Furniture, household
 items, dishes, pots,
 books, record albums,
 2523 Tamarpais Ave.
 Btwn El Cerrito & Brett,
 Near Arlingtton

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 Sat 7/16, 8am-2pm
 2510 Mira Vista Dr.
 (St. Barrett)
 Bicycles, furn, knick-
 knacks, Legos, beads,

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
 Sat/Sun 7/16-17, 9-3
 1313 Gayle Court
 Hshid. items, Jewel-
 ry, clothing, misc. items
 4488 Alta Cir.
 Dishes, toys, new
 jewelry, household
 items, clothes and misc

SAT 7/16 8:30am-3pm
 4488 Alta Cir.
 Dishes, toys, new
 jewelry, household
 items, clothes and misc

SAT 7/16 8:00-12:00
 1760 Georgetown Court
 Sat, 7/16, 8am-3pm
 (Pennysylvania)

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Lafayette
ESTATE SALE!
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16, 9-3pm
 3168 Diablo View Rd.
 (off Pleasant Hill Rd.)
 Victrola record play-
 ers, records, cash from
 Tassalora to Dublin
 Bl. Lot on Keganan
 925-977-4545

Glant Yard Sale
 Fri, 7/15/05 9-2
 1121 Palomares Ct.
 Lots of Misc. collectibles
 No early birds

MONEY NEEDED!
 1033 Cavalero Ln.
 Off Mt. Diablo Hwy
 between Napa
 auto parts &
 Jack in the Box
 Saturday Only 8am.

HUGE ESTATE SALE
 SAT, 7/16, 7am-12pm
 109 Villa Cr.
 (Wither to Del Rio)
 House full of furniture
 and more
 CALL - 925-963-0276

MULTI FAMILY
YARD SALE
 Sat/Sun 7/15-16, 9-3pm
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Martinez
MOVING SALE
 750 CENTER AVE
 Parking in lower lot
 Saturday 9-11am-4pm
 Couches, TV console,
 coffee table, etc.

MOVING SALE FRI & SAT
 1031 VETERANS CT.
 MT. DIABLO
 Baby Items Books Cot-
 fee tbl. Collectibles
 Dm, furn, End table
 Hshid. items, Kitchen
 ware, Lawnmower, Toys

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The best and largest classified section in the greater East Bay Area

Announcements

Business notices, personal messages, lost & found

Announcements

Is there anyone out there who saw this accident on 6/12 at 4:45am? I am w/a silver 2003 2400 Saturn at 1-680 & 2400. Call me at 675-9804 or Office Murphy, 925-646-4980

Found

BIRD - Cockatiel Found in Concord 7/9, 925-385-7829

BIRD - Walnut Cuckoo Call to ID 925-285-5703

CAMERA - 07-11 in Walnut Creek. Call to ID, 925-339-2079

DOG, Male, July 5, Dark brown, w/hi on legs. Brentwood/City 4.4. Pet owner. Absolutely Rescued 925-256-1309

DOG, Shep/Chow, male black/white, Tara Hills Pinole. 510-964-1821

DOG, small, male, black and tan. Pekin, July 4th, Mont. Lane. Concord. 925-664-6792

KEYS - w/Beeper, found on Treat Blvd., W.C. 925-934-1111

KITTEN - 7/12 Martinez area. Pls, call and describe. 925-229-5962

PARAKEET, Call identify. Monument Blvd. Concord. 925-798-5777

POODLE mix, cream & tan, no barker. Oakland 702-712-4012

RING - May Nissen PK In Lvr. 7/4 in Lvr. Call /describe/925-373-6514

TIBETAN Spaniel, Oakley 7-04-05 925-625-4123

Lost

CAT Male, all wht, cas-per. Walnut Bk/Walker. AV. 925-990-4314

CAT, sm, gray fem. Happy Vly area. Call. Reward 925-284-1886

CAT, tabby, in Antioch n. James Denison. 925-798-5862 Reward

CAT, white w/2 black patches, on 7/12. 925-345-3471

COCKATIEL, lost 7/4, Livermore, Rhea way off. Call/Concord. 925-626-8267

DACHSHUND, lost 6/26, Brentwood, male, choc. & tan dapples. \$500 reward. 925-634-5428 or 925-766-7350

DOG - Austr. Shep mix, "Daisy", LRD Wht w/blk. spot side & blk. on face. 7/10 pm. Laf. w/ Sundale. REWARD 925-330-4901

DOG Female pug, blk. w/hi chin & yrs. Med. Isos. Carolea Pacheco. 6/18. 925-708-3539

DOG, sm poodle black getting grey. Pinole. Reward. 925-934-7863

LOST SHELTIE - female, 6/18/04, 10 yrs. Oak PK. Please Hill Rd. 925-378-9779

PEKINGESE, 1 yr, male yellow & wht, 1 eye surgery, \$300 reward. Any 510-208-3531

REWARD \$1000! Small LABRADOR, 40 lbs. BKS. born July 3 in Pleasant Hill. Pleasent Hill. BEED MEDS. 925-980-3307

REWARD, LOST CAT, Gray & Brown "Tiger" tabby with White Markings. Last seen 7/05 near Saroni Court. 510-339-8605

RING Platinum with diamonds, wide band. Reward. 925-980-8619

SHIRT - Older fem dog LARGE REWARD! Eve. 7/10, Putnam & Eccles. Walnut Creek. FOUND

WEDDING RING - Ruby w/10 diamonds. Pleasanton. 760-917-9776

Personals

AFFORDABLE AID ★ Bankruptcy 519 ★ ★ Divorce 520 ★ ★ 925-685-4000 ★ 1310 Monument Bl #B

Central Contra Costa Licensed Child Care

0-6 Years, 24 hr, 17 yr exp. Bancroft/Treat WC 0734090.0, 944-7190

AFFORDABLE - Ext hrs. Drop In. 925-429-2346 Conc. 073404529

CONCORD, exp & lov-ing 9-4 yrs. W.F. 925-691.5133 073403285

East Contra Costa Licensed Child Care

ANTIOCH fun & loving daycare, 2 & up 075200503 925-757-1477

Antioch-LoneTree 9273404615 925-234-5155

OAKLEY A ges 0-6, Preschool, open. Flex hr. 073401334 925-679-1266

OAKLEY, Flexible hrs. Meads, Activities. 073401334 925-679-1621

West County Licensed Child Care

FAMILY CHILD CARE, El Cerrito, No BART, 0-3 073403183 510-215-0683

HERCULES exp., loving, 0-4 yrs. 7/1-7/4 510-964-9506 073404493

RICHMOND - Fwy 80 McBryde/Solano exit. 7 Ages, 2-5, 510-235-7269 070213078

Pets

Beautiful Cats, Sun 2-4, PetFood Exp. Laf. 7/4. Pet owner. Absolutely Rescued 925-256-1309

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Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B7]
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Now is the time to prepare
for the inevitable 'Big One'

A Victorian or typical wood
building that sits on its foundation
can be based. A building that burns
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Gusterson, a well-respected Alameda
general contractor and owner of
Gusterson Construction specializing
in restoration.

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We are seeking exceptional candidates for the following:

DIRECTOR-CCU/MEDICAL TELEMETRY

Assure the appropriate departmental staffing and delivery of quality patient care. Develop and achieve established hospital standards of care through effective staffing, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of policies, procedures and objectives. Responsible for staff hiring, orientation, development and education, and participation in clinical committees and activities related to departmental operations. RN required, with current California licensure. A Bachelor's degree in Nursing or equivalent is preferred; a Master's degree in Nursing or Health Care Administration field desirable. Knowledge of health care law, Title XXII, CAHO, and federal, state and local regulations and standards also required, along with BLS/ACLS certification.

LAB MANAGER

Assure the processing of appropriate and quality patient diagnostics, tests and reporting of results for Laboratory Services. Accountable to meet established hospital standards of care through effective staffing, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of policies, procedures and objectives. Also responsible for staff hiring, orientation, development and education. Additional responsibilities include identifying and implementing new programs and services in a dynamic market that exceeds patient and community expectations. A Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in Laboratory Science, Business or Health Care Administration required; a Master's degree in related Business or Health Care Administration field desirable. Licensed Clinical Lab Scientist required.

PHARMACIST

Assure timely and accurate preparation and distribution of pharmaceutical products within Sutter Delta Medical Center, and assure that the medication orders are consistent with current medical practice, FDA and drug manufacture recommendations, current literature and/or other information sources. Also resolve variations from the above standards with members of the Medical Staff in accordance with established policies and procedures, and provide information and guidance in the proper administration of medications as necessary for health care providers, patients, and family. Requires graduation from an accredited School of Pharmacy. Current California pharmacy licensure required. Prior acute care hospital pharmacy experience is preferred.

RN CHARGE - EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Oversee, assign, and coordinate the activities of patient care during assigned shift on the unit. Assist the Nurse Manager in daily operation of the department, and coordinate the delivery of care for patients during shifts so the physiological, psychosocial, safety, learning and self-care needs of patients and their families are addressed. Requires graduation from an accredited school of nursing; BSN preferred. Current California RN Licensure required. Certification in Specialty preferred. Minimum 5 years recent acute care RN experience in an increasing leadership role. Previous charge nurse experience required. BLS, ACLS, PALS certification. CCRN, CEN, TNCC certification also preferred.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Provide professional rehabilitation services to patients, including evaluations, planning individual patient care programs and treatments, and performing other related duties as required. Requires graduation from of an APTA-accredited school of physical therapy. Must be licensed and registered to practice in the State of California. Prior acute care/outpatient experience is preferred, although new graduates will be considered. Certified in BLS/CPR by the American Heart Association. Good interpersonal and communication skills.

MANAGER, MEDICAL SURGICAL SERVICES

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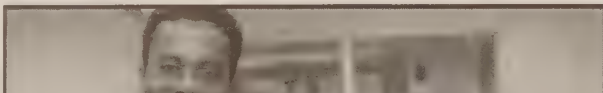
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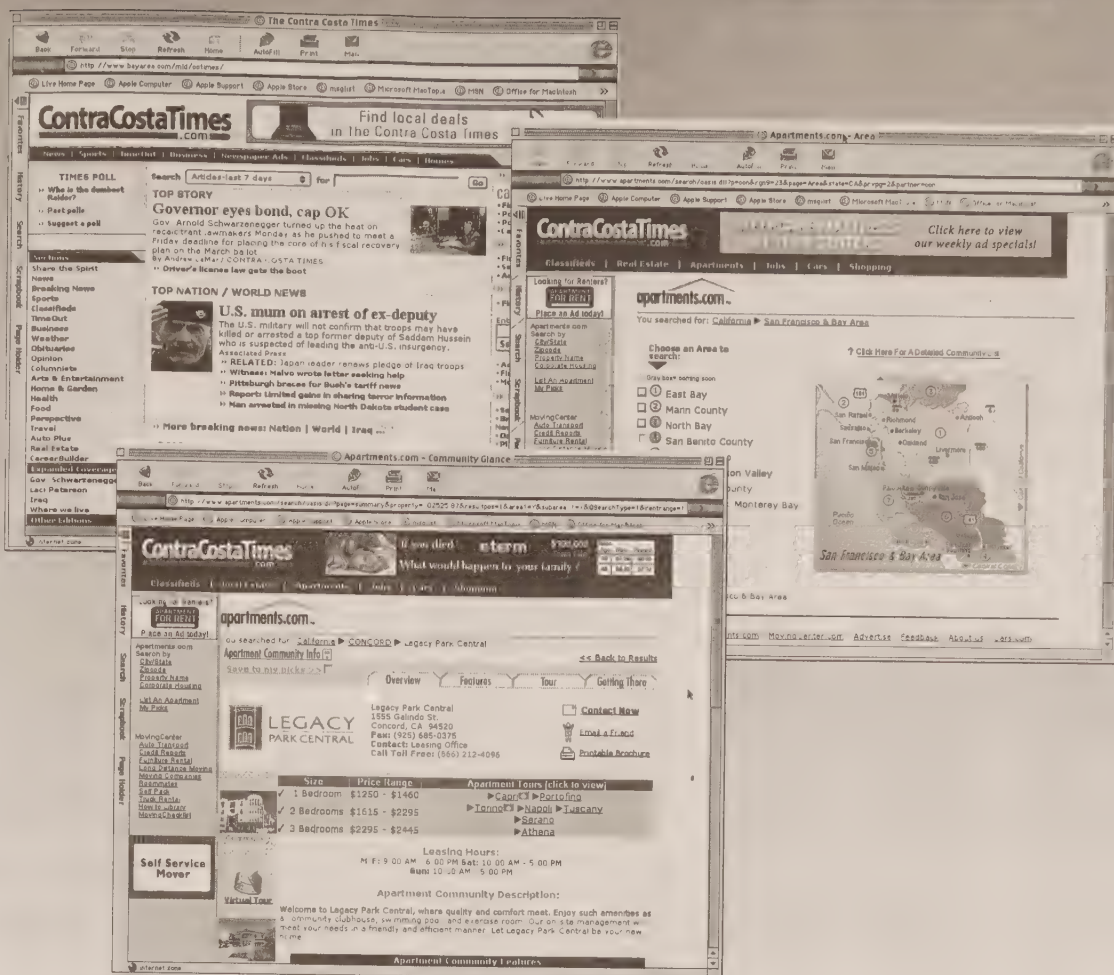
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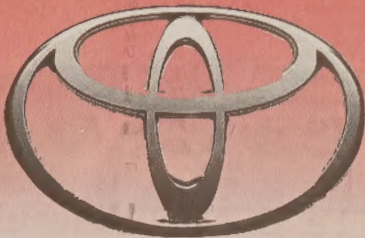
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